



**Bible Study and Meal:** March 14 and 28 (2nd and 4th Thursdays)  
5:30—7:30 PM

**Children's Church:** Each Sunday following the Children's Message

**Choir Rehearsal:** Mondays, 5:15 PM

**Church Office closed:** March 6, 7, 21, 22 and April 1

**Cub Scout Pinewood Derby:** Saturday, March 2, 2:20 PM

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday, March 31

**Good Friday:** March 29, Service at Noon

**Iowa College Group Overnight Stay at GUMC:** Friday, March 15

**Korean Sunday School Class:** Sundays at 9:30 AM

**Maundy Thursday:** March 28

**MaTT Club:** March 3 & 17, 4:00 PM

**Palm Sunday:** Sunday, March 24

**Praise & Prayer Small Group:** Sundays at 9:30 AM

**Primary Election Day:** Tuesday, March 19, Polls open 6AM—7PM

**Staff Meeting:** Tuesday, March 5 & 19, 9:00 AM

**United Methodist Men:** Saturday, March 9, 7:30 AM breakfast  
meeting, Murphysboro UMC fellowship hall

**Victory Dream Center Youth:** Wednesday, March 6 and 20 at  
5:30 PM

**Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

**Worship** every Sunday at 10:30 AM

**YAH (Young at Heart) on the Road:** Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 AM  
Leave MUMC parking lot for lunch at Montgomery's Place in  
Carterville



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Greetings Church Family,

As Spring approaches, we are thrilled to announce the beginning of our Kingdom Series Bible Study! This month, we will begin our exploration into the rich teachings of the Kingdom of God and discussions on how we can incorporate these principles into our daily lives.

The Kingdom of God is not merely a place; it is a way of living, rooted in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). Throughout Scripture, Jesus taught extensively about the Kingdom, urging us to seek it above all else (Matthew 6:33) and demonstrating through His life and ministry what it means to live in alignment with these principles.

Living and working in alignment with Kingdom principles is not just a goal; it's a journey we embark upon together. Throughout this study, we will focus on understanding Kingdom principles and applying them in our interactions, our work, and our community. We believe that the Lenten season brings with it a sense of renewal and joy. As we remember our Lord and savior's life, death, burial and resurrection, what better way to embrace this spirit than by immersing ourselves in the teachings of His Kingdom?

Let's approach this Study with excitement and anticipation for the positive changes it will bring into our lives and our church community. But we cannot do this alone, to truly embody Kingdom principles, we need to come together as a church family, supporting and uplifting one another along the way.

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Let's commit to working together, sharing our insights, experiences, and growing in faith together. As we commence on this journey, let's keep our hearts open to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit that awaits us.

May March be a month of joy, growth, and unity as we strive to live in accordance with the Kingdom of God.

In His service,  
*Pastor Veronica*  
 Pastor of Christian Education and Discipleship



**KINGDOM LIVING**

EXPLORING LIFE'S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS...





**Join us**

**When?** March 14, 2024  
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday  
5:30-7:00pm

**Where?** Grace Church  
220 N. Tower Rd.  
Carbondale Illinois 62901

**Details:**  
 ⇒ Childcare provided  
 ⇒ Meal provided 5:30-6:30

COME EXPLORE HOW KINGDOM LIVING IS THE ANSWER TO LIFE'S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS...

### March Birthdays

3/4 Jean Paratore  
 3/4 Timothy Park  
 3/8 Jooyoung Lee  
 3/9 Lea Kyoung An  
 3/14 Flossie Langin  
 3/14 Dylan Edwards  
 3/16 Kennedy Flath  
 3/22 Sharon Ebersohl  
 3/23 Monty Smith  
 3/24 Gay Biggs  
 3/25 Bridget Vale  
 3/29 Tommy Adams  
 3/30 Jim Frailey  
 3/30 Myunghee Kim  
 3/30 Danie Williams

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### March Anniversaries

3/7 Ryan & Laura Morthland  
 3/10 Dave & Ellie Fisher (57 yrs.)

### Early April Birthdays

4/2 Paula Arthur  
 4/7 Cuty Jung

### *Resurrection Sunday, March 31, 2024*



### Grace Mission Statement

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



## **YAH (Young at Heart) on the Road**

Our friends from the Carterville First United Methodist Church have invited GUMC and MUMC to join them for lunch on Tuesday, March 12, for our next YAH on the Road trip. We will be departing the MUMC church parking lot at 10:30 am for 11:00 am reservations at Montgomery's Place which is Carterville's newest craft coffee and dining experience where friends and families gather in a cozy and historic atmosphere.

After lunch we will spend the rest of our time together antiquing beginning with Cricket & Red Brick Antique Mall located in downtown Carterville, and then (as time permits) moving on to Rosebud Antique Mall and Southern Estates Antiques both located on the Herrin Colp Road. Please join us for another fun outing, and don't forget to invite a friend! See you again soon!

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SAT, MAY 4TH 9:00 AM**

*John 1:5 - The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.*



**Palm Sunday Worship  
March 24, 10:30 AM**

**Kingdom Bible Study  
March 28, Thursday, 5:30 PM**

**Good Friday Worship  
March 29, Noon**

**Easter Sunday  
March 31  
Breakfast 9:00 AM until  
10:30 AM Worship**

### **Kingdom of God Sermon Series**

March 3 "Who Shall Inherit the Kingdom: The Born Again"  
John 3:1-10 Pastor Marty

March 10 "Who Shall Inherit the Kingdom:  
Those Who Receive, Believe & Practice"  
John 3:16-21 Pastor Michelle

### **New Sermon Series: One Consuming Passion**

March 17 "In the Midst of the Poor"  
John 12:1-11 Pastor Marty

March 24 Palm Sunday  
"Compromised but not Compromising"  
John 12:12-16; 13:1 Pastor Marty

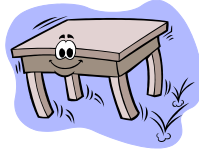
March 29 Good Friday Service at Noon  
"The Darkness Couldn't Overcome His Light"  
John 18:1-11; 19:16-19 Pastor Marty

March 31 Resurrection Sunday  
"He Is Risen, What Do You Need"  
John 20:16-28 Pastor Marty



## MaTT Club -

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



Our first lesson in February centered on The Wise and Foolish Builder. We started the evening by standing on one foot first on a rock and then on a pile of sand. We talked about which material made us feel more secure and thus was a better foundation.

The children each had a part in telling the story from placing the rock or sand in a pan to pouring water (rain) over the 'house' on the rock and sand. They loved watching the sand wash away and the house fall down.

The children wrote wise choices on pictures of rocks and poor choices on pictures of sand to put in their binder books. Ask to see their books!

During craft time the children dot painted a Valentine theme on white lunch bags. I then gave them a heart cookie to put in their bag.

On Feb. 18 we heard the parable of the Rich Fool. We started the evening by talking about the difference in "wants" and "needs". We all agreed that when we have more than we need the best thing to do is to share some of our bounty.

At the beginning of Bible Exploration time I gave the kids two pieces of chocolate bar. We then discussed how they were alike and different. We all agreed that basically they tasted the same. I then discussed how one was made with Fair Trade chocolate and the other wasn't. We discussed being fair to the workers. They heard the parable of the rich fool who instead of sharing his wealth, hoarded it. He then died and was unable to enjoy his wealth. The children helped come up with ideas for ways to share our own wealth- donate toys and clothing that has been outgrown, giving to the food bank, giving money to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and local food banks. During craft time we made barn banks. The children were encouraged to put change in the box and **then donate the collected money** to an organization that helps meet the needs of those without.

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Next month we'll focus on the parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Vineyard Laborers.

Thank you, Amy, Pastor Veronica, Jennifer, Rosemary and Laura for your help.

Thank you Jennifer for taking pictures.

Thank you Sunhee and Merit and Jane for providing snacks. Happy March birthday to Lolan, Timothy, and Kali.

*Flossie*

## United Methodist Men

Saturday, March 9, 2024  
7:30 AM Breakfast Meeting  
Murphysboro UMC



Daylight Savings Time starts March 10.  
Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour or you will be late to church!

## 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/CarbondaleGraceUMC>



Please have articles for the April Grace Notes newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, March 27.