

WELCOME

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

**January 1, 2017 • 1st Sunday of Christmas
Celebration Sunday • White**



**The mission of our church is to make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

Call to Worship

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

Congregational Chorus: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal #204

The Greeting

Sharing of Parish Opportunities and Attendance Ritual

Please fill out the prayer request cards, if needed, located in the pew Bibles, and hand them to the ushers after the Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting.

Prelude: "Allegretto" from 'Christmas Day' by Gustav Holst

Light of Christ Enters

Please begin a quiet time of centering for worship when music begins.

****Hymn of Praise:** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymnal #251

****Invocation**

Please See Projection

****Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting**

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Children's Moments

*As the children come down, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews.*

*The noisy mission offering in January will go to **Wesley Foundation**.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Old Brenton Melody" from 'Christmas Day' by Gustav Holst

****Doxology:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Hymn: "We Three Kings" (vs 1,2,5)

Hymnal #254

Offering of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Please See Projection

Children's Church Procession to Room 205

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "A New Beginning"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Celebration Video

Wesley Covenant Prayer

Hymnal #607

****Commitment Hymn:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs 1,4)

Hymnal #221

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

****Postlude:** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" from 'Christmas Day' by Gustav Holst

****Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

PRAISE SERVICE

11:15AM

Opening Singing
Greeting Each Other
Welcome and Announcements
Giving Our Offerings
Children's Time
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Songs of Worship
Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:14-15
Sermon: "A New Beginning"
Celebration Video
Wesley Covenant Prayer
Closing Song
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Hymnal #607

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE	DESOTO PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Brian Vincent	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby		
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Ed O'Donnell mumcministries@gmail.com	
Acolytes	Megan McNitt and Brandon Ottwell		
Liturgist	Susan Patterson		
Prayer Request Reader	Nancy Fager	Ed O'Donnell	
Welcome Hostesses			
Ushers	Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely	Ricky Pierson and Brant Wingerter	
Children's Church Volunteers	Tonya Walker	Patty Thrailkill	
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale	

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Harold W. Blacklock

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 25, 2016

Traditional Service: 132 and Praise Service: 51

Offering: \$10,664.00

December **Money for Missions** designated to **Community Christmas Dinner**: \$451.13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

COVENANT SUNDAY (TODAY) traditionally begins our new year by offering each of us a moment to consider our covenant with God. A part of the service is our joining together to pray the Wesley Covenant Prayer found in the hymnal at page 607. This service was first begun by John Wesley and dates back to 1755 and remains a common tradition in the United Methodist Church.

COMMUNION will be celebrated during services NEXT WEEK rather than during our traditional first-of-the-month service (TODAY).

***YOUNG AT HEART** attendees will enjoy a presentation by Tony Calabrese of SIUC's Teacher Education Program at the Tuesday, January 10th noon luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. Calabrese is also a Teambuilding Specialist who at age 75 continues to train for the 80 mile River to River Relay. For the New Year, he will motivate us to continue to dream and pursue our passions throughout our lives. The menu includes ham and beans with onions, cole slaw, spinach with vinegar, cornbread and brownies (no nuts). **Meals are now \$6.00 a plate.**

***UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)** will have their next monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am. Members will disassemble and store the nativity scene on the front lawn of the annex. Please contact Jay Graff at 618-967-9848 if you have any questions. **All men of the church are invited to join UMM for the new year.**

NEW STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 15th IN PATHFINDERS CLASS. This study by Rob Fuquay entitled *The God We Can Know* is designed to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus and helps us find answers to the most essential question in the Christian faith: "Who do you say I am?" Pathfinders Sunday School Class for adults meets in Rm. 107.

***A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th at 3:00 p.m. in Rm. 204 for anyone desiring information about the church and becoming a member.

*Have the winter blahs??? Please join us for an all-church **WINTER SOUP NIGHT** scheduled for Sunday, January 15th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Rm 104). Please bring one of the following to share: pot or crock of soup, small sandwiches, finger food, or dessert. The church will provide bowls, plates, utensils, crackers and

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drinks. Let's fellowship together, warm up with some homemade soup, and fight those winter blahs!!

SAVE THE DATES: SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, FOR A TASTE OF STEPHEN MINISTRY DINNER in our Fellowship Hall, Rm. 104 at 5:00 pm. Join us for a meal and a time of fellowship and sharing about Stephen Ministry. **STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING** will be two weeks long, **February 27 through March 10** (Monday through Friday), 8 am—1 pm. Watch for a feature promotion and signup opportunities in next week's bulletin.

THERE WILL NOT BE A JANUARY ISSUE OF THE COMPASS NEWSLETTER. There are copies of the January calendars, including birthdays and anniversaries, at the back of the Sanctuary TODAY for anyone who wants one. We will resume publication with the February Compass. The deadline for February content is January 16.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Jan 8 Youth Group Meetings 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Jan 22 Youth Group Meetings 5:00—6:30 pm

CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)

JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)

SYF Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12 grade)

HOW DO I CONNECT?

Would you like to connect with other adults?

- Saturday Morning Book Club/Emily Hargraves, 559-0329, ehargraves88@gmail.com
- United Methodist Men/Jay Graff, 967-9848, jgraff4@yahoo.com
- Women's Ministry/Rosie Wece, 559-8167, rwece50@gmail.com
- Young at Heart/Michelle Parker-Clark, 922-3587, mpclark@siu.edu

Do you have young children?

- Children's Church/Emily Hargraves, 559-0329, ehargraves88@gmail.com
- Nursery/Brooke Guthman, 534-1615, bguthman28@gmail.com
- Children's Youth Fellowship: 3rd-5th grades; Junior Youth Fellowship: 6th—8th grades; and Senior High Youth Fellowship: 9th-12th grades/Lacey Brown, 687-2317, mumcministries@gmail.com or Jennifer O'Donnell, 687-2317, mumchildrenyouth@gmail.com

Do you enjoy music and like to be involved in music ministry?

- Chancel Choir/Joseph Ryker, 618-925-4393, jrykerbsn.77@gmail.com
- Hand Bell Choir/Randy Auxier, 565-1238
- Praise Team/Angie Baughman, 201-0139, angie_baughman@hotmail.com

Do you like to help those in need?

- Our Neighbor's Table, free meal to the community, last Sunday of every month/Jennifer O'Donnell, 534-3822 or Rindy Eisenhauer, 967-1380

The above ministries are just a sampling of the scores of ministries offered at MUMC. For a complete listing of ministries and ways to connect with those ministries, please pick up a 2016 Ministry Guide from the Welcome Center, the foyer at 15th and Pine, wall racks throughout the church, or the church office.

"... like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

1 Peter 4:10

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



TOGETHER Sermon Series

Sundays, January 8—29

This series will revisit the idea of The Trail by encouraging the congregation in the importance of small group participation. Sermons will focus on the benefits of spiritual disciplines and how members can grow in them by being involved in a small group. Sermon titles will be as follows:

January 8: "Befriending Each Other"

January 22: "Teaching Each Other"

January 15: "Pastoring Each Other"

January 29: "Growing Each Other"

PRAYER LIST

Lee and Alberta Sullivan

Marie Quigley

Bill Quigley

- ◆ The family and friends of Marylou Bernasek, who died on December 26th. Marylou was the cousin of Katherine Twenhafel
- ~ If you would like to place or remove someone on the prayer list, please call the church office at 687-2317 or send an email to murphysboroumc@gmail.com
- ~ Names will be published in the bulletin for 4 weeks. Please contact the office if you want a name to run longer.

Prayer Emphasis for January is Wesley Foundation.

Please include this emphasis in your daily prayers.

NEW HERE?

WELCOME to Murphysboro United Methodist Church! We're so glad you came to worship with us and want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME? Help us get to know you!

- Please fill out the visitor card located in the card holder in the pew in front of you.
- Stop by the Welcome Center following service today. The Welcome Center is located just outside the north sanctuary doors. We have a "sweet" gift for you, and we would love to meet you!

ATTENTION PARENTS

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. If you prefer, a nursery for children (suggested ages infant through three years old) is available during both the worship and Sunday School hours. The Nursery is located in Room 201, just outside the north sanctuary doors. Children who desire, ages 3 through grade 3 (suggested), will be dismissed for Children's Church in Room 205 prior to the pastor's message. Also see our "Helping Children Experience Worship" cards in front of the pew Bibles.

LOOKING TO BECOME A MEMBER? Approximately once per quarter, Pastor Larry offers an informational meeting for those interested in learning more about the process to become a member of MUMC. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

CONTACT INFO, MEDIA & OTHER RESOURCES

CONTACT US: 618-687-2317 **ADDRESS:** 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966


OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 9:-00 am—2:00 pm; F 9:00 am—noon

EMAIL: murphysboroumc@gmail.com

PASTOR GILBERT'S CELL PHONE: 618-201-2658

PASTOR & TERESA GILBERT'S MAILING ADDRESS: 2575 Edgewood Lane
Carbondale, IL 62901

WEBSITE: www.murphysboroumc.com  facebook.com/murphysboroumc

SERMON BROADCAST on  or find link at www.murphysboroumc.com

CHURCH LIBRARY: Room 110

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: 16th St. N of parking lot exit