

# WELCOME

## CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

November 26, 2017 • Christ the King Sunday

Pentecost • White



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

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

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## Call to Worship

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

P: **And also with you.**

**Congregational Chorus:** "On Eagle's Wings"

Hymnal #143

## 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:** "Adagio" from 'Symphony No. 3' by C. Saint-Saëns, arr. A. Zabel

## Light of Christ Enters

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

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** "We Gather Together"

Hymnal #131

**\*\*Invocation**

Please See Projection

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

## Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

**Chancel Choir:** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin" by Greg Gilpin

## Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory:** "To You, O Lord, I Call" by Robert J. Powell

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

Hymnal #95

## Children's Moments

*As the children come forward, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in November will go to **Murphysboro High School Key Club.***

## Children's Church Procession to Room 205

## Offering of Joys and Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

## The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymnal #102

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:1-5

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** "Comfort My People"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**\*\*Commitment Hymn:** "It Is Well with My Soul" (vs. 1 & 2)

Hymnal #377

## Taking the Light of Christ into the World

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude:** "Finale" from 'Symphony No. 3' by C. Saint-Saëns, arr. A. Zabel

**\*\*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:** Isaiah 40:1-5  
**Sermon:** "Comfort My People"  
**Closing Song**  
**Sending Forth**

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joel Kirby	Angie Baughman
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby	
Worship Leader	Vanessa Lirely mumcministries@gmail.com	Allison Vandenberg mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Maya Jenkins and Harper Geis	
Prayer Request Reader	Nancy Fager	Allison Vandenberg
Liturgist	Nancy Fager	
Welcome Hostesses	Kay Bozarth and Kathy Bratton	
Ushers	Todd Doody, Jennifer Watson, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes, Lowell Heller and Dave Auxier	Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham
Children's Church Volunteers	Diane Schingel	TBN
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Harold W. Blacklock		

## ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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Traditional Service: 145; Praise Service: 56; and DeSoto: 24/ Sunday School: 56  
Offering: \$4,272,88

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

**IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL LAST WEEK, COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH THE WELCOME CENTER AND THE 15TH AND PINE ST.**

**VESTIBULE.** Devotionals are offered in three forms: youth, adult and adult large print.

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE TEAM WILL BE SERVING A DELICIOUS HAM DINNER TODAY AT NOON IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL.** You won't want to miss the blessings of great food (FREE!) and church/community fellowship.

**\*A LADIES' BUS TRIP TO JOSEPHINE'S TEA ROOM AND GIFT SHOPS IS PLANNED FOR SAT., DEC. 2nd AT 8:00 AM.** Josephine's is located in historic Godfrey, Illinois, only 30 minutes north of St. Louis. Established in 1979, Josephine's offers a unique dining and shopping experience. The Tea Room is always beautifully decorated for the holidays, and the lunch menu includes a variety of soups, sandwiches, salads and delicious desserts. No need to worry about calories because you will have the opportunity to burn them off shopping in the gift shop and specialty boutique filled with home décor, clothing and jewelry.

**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WRAPPED GIFTS ARE DUE BACK TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN NEXT SUN., DEC. 3rd.** If you did not pick up a name but feel led to donate, you may make a monetary donation to The Carbondale Interfaith Council. Please note *The Spirit of Christmas* in your check memo. The Council has volunteers to do last minute shopping for any names not selected.

**JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH WILL BE GOING TO THE LADY OF THE SNOWS SHRINE AND ICE SKATING ON DEC. 3rd.** Departure time will be 1:00 pm; return at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. RSVP slips can be found on the youth bulletin board. Completed RSVPs and \$2 should be placed in the youth mailbox. Deadline for RSVPs = Nov. 28th. Youth should dress warmly. All activities are outdoors.

**\*UNITED METHODIST MEN** will enjoy their monthly breakfast on Sat., Dec. 9th, 7:30 am, in our Fellowship Hall. **All men of the church are invited.**

**THE RICE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY IS SCHEDULED FOR SUN., DEC. 10, 1—4 PM.** This annual open house event features Fontanini displays, cookies, and punch. Mimi hopes you can come! Her address is 501 Pump House Rd., Murphysboro, IL.

**THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUN., DEC. 10, 4—6 PM IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL (RM 104).** There will be food, games, and a Dirty Santa Gift Exchange. Each youth is asked to bring a \$5—\$10 gift.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (cont) \*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

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**DO YOU LOVE TO SING?** Chancel Choir is always looking for new members, both seasonal only and permanent. Please contact Joel Kirby, Choir Director, [jpktpt@gmail.com](mailto:jpktpt@gmail.com) or 816-225-9020.

**REMINDER:** Saturday Morning Book Club will **NOT** be meeting in December. The book selected for the January 20th meeting is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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**\*WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE OCCASIONALLY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING?** The Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry Team is looking for volunteers who could stay for a few minutes after service on Sunday morning and spend time in the prayer chapel with someone who is requesting prayer. This would be a rotation schedule. Please sign the attendance pad if you're interested and someone from the team will contact you with more information.

**\*COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED FOR 2018.** Typically on the first Sunday of each month, the church participates in the sharing of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For the past two years, a dedicated team has served the bread and juice to the congregations each month. It is now time to invite new servers to share in this wonderful ministry. If you are interested in learning more about being a Communion server for 2018, please mark the attendance pad and you will be contacted by Lacey Brown.

## **ANTICIPATED JOB OPENING**

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**DISCIPLESHIP COORDINATOR—MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.** An opening for a Discipleship Coordinator, approximately 20 hours/week, is anticipated early 2018. Job responsibilities: coordinate and lead discipleship ministries for participants of all ages; lead and/or assist in launching new ministries in the life of the church; assist pastor with development of semi-annual leadership retreats; and supervise and mentor program and ministry staff. A comprehensive list of qualifications is available on our website: [murphysboro.crossandflameministries.com](http://murphysboro.crossandflameministries.com). A letter of interest and resume may be sent to SPRC Chair, Murphysboro United Methodist Church, 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966 or email to [nancy.vallino@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.vallino@yahoo.com).

## HOW DO I CONNECT?

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### 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/Jamie Green, 201-3355, jaybegirlo2@yahoo.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 Sage Lintner, 687-2317, mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com
- Acolytes: children ages 8-11 (3rd-6th grades)/Mary Jane Williams, 412-0008, mjwilliams1121@gmail.com

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

- Chancel Choir/Sharon Jones, 303-2489, sharonjones1948@gmail.com; or Joel Kirby, 816-225-9020, jpktp@gmail.com
- Hand Bell Choir/Randy Auxier, 565-1238
- Praise Team/Lacey Brown, 525-5106, mumcministries@gmail.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

### Do you want to add a prayer request to the MUMC Email Prayer Chain?

- Contact Mary Ellen Tierney at 684-8847 or send an email to mumcprayerchain@yahoo.com.

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 2017 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*

## CHRISTMAS YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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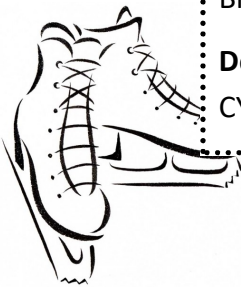
**November 26:** Deck the Halls!  
CYF 3:00-3:45 pm & JYF/SYF 4:00-6:00 pm.  
Wear silly Christmas clothes and come decorate.



**December 3:** JYF/SYF Outing to Ice Skating & Our Lady of the Snows light display, 1:00-7:30 pm.  
No regular youth meeting that night.

**December 10:** All Youth Group Christmas Party!  
CYF/JYF/SYF 4:00-6:00 pm.  
Bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift for game.

**December 17:** All Youth Group Caroling  
CYF/JYF/SYF 4:00-6:00 pm.



## PRAYER LIST

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Lee and Alberta Sullivan  
Earl and Sandra Renshaw  
Family of Mike Mayfield

Gary Wece  
Carol Russell

JoAnn Schirmer  
Patti Shields

- ◆ Prayers for Katherine Twenhafel who was hospitalized this week.
- ~ 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](mailto: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 November is Murphysboro High School Key Club**  
Please include this emphasis in your daily prayers.

## **NEW HERE?**

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**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, and place it in the offering plate.
- 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**

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**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](mailto: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.crossandflameministries.com](http://www.crossandflameministries.com)  [facebook.com/murphysboroumc](https://facebook.com/murphysboroumc)

**SERMON BROADCAST** on  or find link at [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com)

**CHURCH LIBRARY:** Room 110

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

**WEEKLY ROOM CALENDAR:** Outside every meeting room and inside west doors.

Please contact church office to reserve a room.