

**WELCOME**

**CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES**

**MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**December 10, 2017 • Second Sunday of Advent  
Advent • Blue**

SERMON SERIES  
DEC 3 - 24

# CHOSEN BY GOD

Discover how God uses the unlikely  
and unexpected to write His story.



**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:** "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:** "Adeste, fideles" by J. F. Wade, arr. David Schelat

### Light of Christ Enters

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

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** "What Child Is This"

Hymnal #219

**\*\*Invocation**

Please See Projection

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Congregation Response

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

### Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

**Chancel Choir:** "The Coming of the Lord" by Pepper Choplin

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory:** "Mary's Christmas" sung by Richard Tierney

**\*\*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 December will go to **Community Christmas Dinner.***

### Children's Church Procession to Room 205

### Offering of Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

### The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Hymnal #229

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:5 and Joshua 2:1-4

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** "A Public Disgrace"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**\*\*Commitment Hymn:** "There's a Song in the Air" (vs 1,2,3)

Hymnal #249

### Taking the Light of Christ into the World

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude:** "Little Cornard" by Martin Shaw, arr. Alan Bullard

**\*\*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: Matthew 1:5 and Joshua 2:1-4  
Sermon: "A Public Disgrace"  
Closing Song  
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

| TODAY'S WORSHIP   | TRADITIONAL SERVICE  | MUMC PRAISE SERVICE                            |
|---|--|--|
| Music Leader  | Joel Kirby   | Lacey Brown                                    |
| Organist/Pianist  | Jenny Kirby  |  |
| Worship Leader  | Vanessa Lirely<br>mumcministries@gmail.com                                       | Allison Vandenberg<br>mumcministries@gmail.com |
| Acolytes  | Phoebe Heller and<br>Brianna Carnes  |  |
| Prayer Request Reader                                     | Wilma Westerfield  | Allison Vandenberg                             |
| Liturgist   | Mary Jane Williams   |  |
| Welcome Hostesses   | Marcia Butler and<br>Barb Hughes   |  |
| Ushers  | Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley,<br>Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton,<br>Trina Eaton and Jay Graff | Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky                  |
| Children's Church Volunteers                              | Cheryl Smith   | Jennie and Ben Snyder                          |
| Nursery Attendant   | Caitlyn Boyd   | Megan Gale                                     |
| The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Wm. A. Akin |  |  |

## **ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 3, 2017**

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Traditional Service: 156; Praise Service: 47; and DeSoto: 21/ Sunday School: 79  
Offering: \$11,835.00

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

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**IF YOU WISH TO ORDER A POINSETTIA IN EITHER MEMORY OR HONOR OF YOUR LOVED ONES, PLEASE USE THE ORDER BLANK INSERTED IN TODAY'S BULLETIN.** Orders must be returned to the church office by noon TOMORROW.

**THE RICE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, 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.

**REMINDER: THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY, 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.

**\*YOUNG AT HEART WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ON TU., DEC. 12, AT NOON IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL (RM 104).** The menu: ham with pineapples, sweet potatoes, peas, ambrosia salad, bread and dessert (**please bring your favorite!**). Meals are \$6/plate. If you sign up and learn you cannot attend, please notify the office by the Monday before. This month's program is This Able Veteran which provides a trauma resiliency program and service dogs to our local veterans.

**BIBLE JOURNALING YOUR FAITH** class meets next on Wed., Nov. Dec. 13th, 7:00—8:30 pm in Rm 108 (**please note room change!**). Newcomers are welcome! Additional information about this class can be obtained from either Rosie Wece (559-8167, rwece50@gmail.com) or Patti Shields (684-5515, deanshield@aol.com).

**THIS YEAR'S MARCH TO THE MANGER IS SCHEDULED FOR SUN., DEC. 17TH.**  
Greater detail can be found in today's bulletin feature box.

**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 or 816-225-9020.

**A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE IS SCHEDULED FOR TH., DEC. 21, 6:00 PM AT THE DESOTO UMC.** Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and any number of other human situations make the holiday season painful for many people in our congregations and communities. This service will include music, words of encouragement, a candle lighting ceremony, and a time of fellowship. Through this service our desire is to share the love of Christ with our hurting brothers and sisters so that they may feel comfort in their pain and hope for the future.

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

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**\*THE 24TH ANNUAL MURPHYSBORO COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL TAKE PLACE ON MON., DEC. 25TH.** Full details on the dinner, donations of desserts, and volunteer opportunities can be found in today's bulletin feature box.

**THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION SUNDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SUN., DEC. 31st.** As we worship on the last Sunday of 2017, we would like to spend some time reflecting on the past year. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** If you have pictures from the various church events, please get them to Troy Brown. Either send your digital photos by email to laceywasright@gmail.com or put them on a USB drive and bring to church by Dec. 17th.

**\*AN EPIPHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY WRITTEN AND TAUGHT BY ANGIE BAUGHMAN WILL BE OFFERED SUNDAYS, JAN. 7—FEB. 4 DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.** This study is titled *A Journey Worth Taking*, and the content will focus on the significance of the gifts the wise men brought to Jesus. Books will be distributed at the first session and will cost \$10. Adults and teens are invited to participate. Angie Baughman is the contact for this study, 201-0139.

**\*ARE YOU READY FOR A NIGHT OF FUN?** If so, join us for our Chili Cook-off and Variety Show! The Chili Cook-off is open to all interested people. A \$5 entry fee is due the day of the event, but **sign-up in advance to participate in the cook-off using the attendance pad.** You be the judge of the Chili Champ by monetary donations. A variety show featuring members of our congregation will immediately follow the chili cook-off. All proceeds will go to MUMC Youth Groups and their spiritual development.

**\*CHURCH GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH SERVICES.** If you are considering ways to begin or expand your service to the Lord, and hospitality is one of your gifts, this may be the place for YOU!

## **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*

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### MARCH TO THE MANGER



*A celebration of Jesus' birth*

This year's March to the Manger will take place in both services on Sunday, December 17th. This year's offering will be used to fund youth camp scholarships. Offering envelopes were mailed within the December COMPASS and are also available from the church office.

### The 24th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

will take place on Christmas Day, 11 am—1:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Last year almost 400 people were served. Dinner organizers are requesting your help with desserts. You may make your favorite non-dairy dessert and drop it off at the KC Hall on Sun., Dec. 24th. \*Please mark the attendance pad if you intend to prepare a dessert for this dinner.



Volunteers are needed to help with the Christmas dinner.

Work days to decorate, shop, and organize will be Dec. 23rd, 24th, and, of course, to serve the meal on December 25th. \*If you would like to help on any of these dates, please mark the attendance pad and someone will be in touch with more details.

Thanks for your support of this community outreach event.

## PRAYER LIST

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

Gary Wece  
Carol Russell  
Katherine Twenhafel

JoAnn Schirmer

- ◆ The family of Barb Tullis.
- ~ 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 December is Community Christmas Dinner.**

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.