

WELCOME

CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

January 7, 2018 • Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord
Epiphany • Green



GOD'S
Guest List



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: "My Tribute"

Hymnal #99

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: "Thy Word, O Lord, Like Gentle Dews" by William Croft, arr. Flor Peeters

Light of Christ Enters

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

****Hymn of Praise:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal #89

****Invocation**

Please See Projection

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

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Bell Choir: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson Miller, arr.

Arnold B. Sherman

Presentation of Our Titles and Offerings

Offertory: "Restoration" by Raymond H. Haan

****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 January will go to the **Wesley Foundation**.*

Children's Church Procession to Room 205

Offering of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music by Jenny & Joel Kirby: "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas, arr. John Carter

Scripture: Psalm 15

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Who Cares What They Say"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Communion Hymn: "Take Our Bread"

Hymnal #640

Ritual of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

****Benediction:** A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

Hymnal #607

****Postlude:** "He Leadeth Me" by William Bradbury

****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: Psalm 15
Sermon: "Who Cares What They Say"
Communion
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joel Kirby	Brian Vincent
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Landrie Green and Justin Maynor	
Prayer Request Reader	Gene Schwebel	Kristi Miller
Liturgist	Gaye Auxier	
Welcome Hostesses	Carolyn Sauer and Barb Hughes	
Ushers	Todd Lirely, Scott Ballard, Sandy Herring, Ralph Bastien, Dick Graff and Vanessa Lirely	Ricky Pierson and Brant Wingerter
Children's Church Volunteers	Sage Lintner	Scarlett Pierson
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Harold W. Blacklock		

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 31, 2017

Traditional Service: 102; Praise Service: 53; and DeSoto: 10 / Sunday School: 29

Offering 12/24: \$6,275.00 and 12/31: \$10,845.91

Total December **Money for Missions** Designated to **Community Christmas Dinner**: \$309.96

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The white rose on the altar today celebrates the life of John Quigley, who passed away on Sat., Dec. 23rd. John was the brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Carla Quigley and uncle to Nick and Kyle Quigley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

***YOUNG AT HEART** will be ringing in the new year with the musical stylings of Donnie Rush Falknor, the Dinner Singer. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on Tue, Jan. 9th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be: ham & beans w/onions, cole slaw, cornbread, spinach w/vinegar, and brownies (no nuts). Meals are \$6. If you sign up and learn you cannot attend, be sure to notify the church office by Mon., Jan. 8th.

BIBLE JOURNALING YOUR FAITH will be meeting next on Wed., Jan. 10, 7:00—8:30 pm in Rm. 108. This is a recurring class that meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Please join us in this exciting and creative process of making art in your Bible. Questions about this class can be directed to either Patti Shields (534-1475) or Rosie Wece (559-8167).

***UNITED METHODIST MEN** will enjoy their monthly breakfast on Sat., Jan. 13th, 7:30 am, in our Fellowship Hall. Following the breakfast meeting, the men will take down the nativity scene outside the annex. **All men of the church are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship!**

***INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF MUMC?** If so, a new member orientation is scheduled for next Sunday, Jan. 14th during the Sunday School hour, Rm. 200C.

***ARE YOU READY FOR A NIGHT OF FUN?** If so, join us for our Chili Cook-off and Variety Show next Sunday, January 14th, 5:00—7:00 PM! Sign up to **ATTEND THE CHILI COOK-OFF** using the attendance pad. Child care can be requested using the attendance pad. Participants will 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. Any questions about this event can be directed to Sage Lintner: mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com or 618-889-7320.

SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB will meet Jan. 20th at 10:15 am in the Church Library Rm 110. This month's book selection is **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and**

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Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance. The read-ahead book for February 17th is **Flight Behavior** by Barbara Kingsolver.

SAVE THE DATE, JAN. 27, 5:30—7:30 PM FOR A PASTA DINNER AT DESOTO UMC.

***THE CONGREGATION (AGES 13 AND OLDER) IS EXTENDED A SPECIAL INVITATION TO A FREE EVENT, *CREATING DEFINING MOMENTS* WITH CONNOR JAMES.** Full details on this **January 28th** event can be found in today's bulletin feature box.

THE CACHE RIVER DISTRICT OFFICE ANNOUNCES AN ADVANCED LAY SERVANT CLASS ON PRAYER WILL BE OFFERED IN FEBRUARY. This class is open to anyone wishing to learn more about service towards others and strengthening a relationship with God through public and private prayer. You need not be a part of the Lay Servant Ministries to attend. Classes will take place on Fri., Feb. 2, 6—8 PM and Sat., Feb. 3, 9 AM—5 PM at Grace UMC, Carbondale. \$10 is due on the day of the class to cover snacks and lunch. There is a required text to be purchased. (Text and assignments to be announced in January.) Cost waivers are available. To register by the deadline of Jan. 30th, contact Roberta DePuy by phone, email or mail: 573-201-6650, happyfish27@hotmail.com, and PO Box 96, Marion, IL 62959.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

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/Jamie Green, 201-3355, jaybegir102@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

A SPECIAL INVITATION



**AVOIDING
PESSIMISM:
THREE SIMPLE
HABITS YOU CAN
USE TO STAY
POSITIVE.**

DELIVERED BY
CONNOR JAMES.

***CREATING DEFINING MOMENTS**

Sunday, Jan. 28
4:00—5:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Connor James will come share the three special keys to finding more optimism and positivity in your life. The sudden loss of his father at a young age has inspired him to find brightness in the darkest of days. He's going to share three daily practices that will help you fight pessimism and avoid the trap of negative thinking. Connor believes with all his heart that you'll never get to the end of your life and wish you had experienced fewer defining moments. This message is designed to help you see more of the positive and create more meaningful moments in your life. Recommended for congregation 13 years and older. Please sign up for this event using the Attendance and Registration pad.

PRAYER LIST

Lee and Alberta Sullivan
Earl and Sandra Renshaw

Gary Wece
Carol Russell

JoAnn Schirmer
Family of Barb Tullis

- ♦ Katherine and Martin Twenhafel who are both hospitalized.
- ♦ Roger Twenhafel who is experiencing ongoing problems following back surgery.
- ~ 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, 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

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.crossandflameministries.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

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

Please contact church office to reserve a room.