

WELCOME
CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES
MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent • Advent—Blue



**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: "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" by Michael Helman

Handbell Choir

Light of Christ Enters

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

****Hymn of Praise:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymnal #224

****Invocation**

Please See Projection

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Trina and Bob Eaton

Congregational Response: Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

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

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir: "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" by Bernadette Farrell, choral setting by Joel Raney

Children's Moments

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

*The noisy mission offering in December will go to **Community Christmas Dinner**.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Toccata in F Major" by Johann Pachelbel

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

Hymnal #95

DeSoto Ministry Update

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: Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:14-18

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Waiting to Have a Vision"

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:** "Christmas Carol of Sáralfalva" by Béla Bartók

****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: Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:14-18
 Sermon: "Waiting to Have a Vision"
 Closing Song
 Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Cheryl and Roger Smith

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE	DESOTO PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Kim Goforth	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby		
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com	
Acolytes	Wesley Graham and Harper Ellermeyer		
Liturgist	Mary Jane Williams		
Prayer Request Reader	Gaye Auxier	Kristi Miller	
Welcome Hostesses	Thelma Pierson and Terri Yates		
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Matt Baughman and Don Abbadusky	
Children's Church Volunteers	Jennifer O'Donnell	Jennie & Ben Snyder	
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale	
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Mrs. A. G. Werner			

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 4, 2016

Traditional Service: 200; Praise Service: 71; Sunday School: 127
Offering: \$10,691.00

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

The red rose and book on the altar celebrate the birth of Margaret Jane Eaton, born December 3 to Michael and Carolyn Eaton. Proud grandparents are Bob and Trina Eaton.

“On behalf of Katie, Lee, Carrie and I, whether you fixed us a meal, brought us food, sent a card, or simply said a prayer, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting us at this most difficult time. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful church. Sandie made it clear to us that we are to move forward, so please keep us in your prayers as we learn to live life without our beloved wife and mother. A special thanks to the funeral dinner ministry team for the wonderful meal after Sandie’s memorial service. We love you all!”
Gene Schwebel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

POINSETTIAS AND CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS: Please see the bulletin insert if you would like to order a poinsettia or memorial. Deadline is noon tomorrow, Dec. 12.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA TODAY AT MUMC, 2:00 PM: The Murphysboro United Methodist Chancel Choir is thrilled to present Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler’s Christmas cantata *A Night for Rejoicing*. The Chancel Choir will be joined by the Carbondale First Presbyterian Church Choir, conducted by Carlyn Zimmerman. Come join us for this church collaboration and musical-telling of the Christmas story.

THE RICE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for **TODAY**, 1 - 4 pm at Mimi Rice’s home, 501 Pump House Road, Murphysboro. Cookies and punch will be served. Mimi hopes you can come!

SINGERS ARE NEEDED for caroling at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital the evenings of Dec. 13 and 20. Meet at MUMC at 5:30 pm or at St. Joseph’s at 6:00 pm. Contact Richard Tierney with questions, 684-8847. Signup on upper and lower level bulletin boards.

***YOUNG AT HEART** will enjoy Christmas music by Donnie Rush Falknor at their luncheon on Tues., Dec. 13 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, peas, ambrosia salad, and bread. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. Meals are \$5 a plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont) *INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM entitled *Just a Little Christmas* is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 18 during Sunday School.

A BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE is scheduled for Wednesday Dec. 21, 6:30 pm at the DeSoto site. This service is for those who experience both celebration and sadness during the Christmas season. Child care will be available.

***VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for the 23rd Annual Community Christmas Dinner. If you would like to help prior to the dinner on Dec. 23rd or 24th or help serve and deliver meals on Christmas Day, please check the attendance pad. Ed or Jennifer O'Donnell will be in touch to schedule a work time. The dinner will be served from 12:30—2:00 pm on Sun., Dec 25th. ***NON-DAIRY DESSERTS ARE ALSO NEEDED.** Please check the Dessert box if you plan on providing a dessert. They may be delivered to the KC Hall on Sat., Dec. 24th from 10 am until 4:30 pm. Thank you!

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, AS WELL AS CHILDREN'S CHURCH will not be in session on Christmas Day to allow teachers and participants to celebrate with their families. Be sure to thank teachers and children's workers for their service all year long.

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

***FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** classes are scheduled for Thursday evenings, January 5, 2017 - March 9, 2017, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Room 204. Class is recommended for mature teens and adults. Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. One Financial Peace University membership per family is all you need to get started in a class. Cost of a membership kit is \$110.00. *Child care will be provided upon request. Our church contact is Troy Brown, 618-713-3447 or laceywasright@gmail.com. The deadline for signing up and paying the fee is **TODAY.**

***PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY - EXODUS:** Tuesday mornings Jan. 10 through Apr. 11 (except Feb. 28 and Mar. 14), 9 - 10:30 am. Also offered on Sunday evenings Jan. 8 - Apr. 9 (except Feb. 26 and Mar. 12), from 5 - 6:30 pm. Sign-up deadline is Dec 25. Watch Moses develop as a leader. See God deliver His people by judging their enemies. Learn powerful truths about His ways. A remarkably practical study of deliverance, redemption, the Law and the Tabernacle. Taught by Angie Baughman. The cost of the book is \$26 payable at the first session. Child care available upon request.

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***DO YOU HAVE AN ANNIVERSARY COMING UP IN THE NEXT MONTHS?** Do you remember seeing your special date listed in the COMPASS? If you think we may not have your special date, please note same on the Attendance Sheet, and we'll be sure to add it to the newsletter calendar!

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

TODAY Youth Group Meetings 5:00—6:30 pm

Dec. 25 No Youth Meetings

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, mumcchildrenyouth@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.

SPECIAL ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

YOU ARE INVITED TO ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES AT
BOTH OF OUR LOCATIONS:

DEC 21 AT 6:30 PM: BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
AT **DESOTO SITE**. A special service for those who may be grieving,
lonely, or hurting during this season of the year.

DEC 24 AT 5 PM (PRAISE MUSIC) OR 7 PM (TRADITIONAL MUSIC):
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT **MURPHYSBORO SITE** will feature a
new Nativity Drama written especially for this year.

DEC 25 AT 9 AM (TRADITIONAL SVC) AND 11:15 AM (PRAISE SVC)
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES AT **MURPHYSBORO SITE** will include our
March to the Manger offering.

Just a
reminder...



December 31st marks the conclusion of our three-year elevator campaign. We are very, very close to paying off that loan. We pray that our church family is able to honor pledges made.

PRAYER LIST

Lee and Alberta Sullivan
Bill Quigley

Jacob Heilig
Olliebelle Ridley

Marie Quigley
Etta Mae Imhoff

- ~ 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 December is Community Christmas Dinner.
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