

**WELCOME**  
**CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES**  
**MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**December 18, 2016**

**Fourth 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:** "Magnificat Octavi Toni - Gloria" by J.E. Kindermann

## Light of Christ Enters

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

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (vs 1,3,4)

Hymnal #218

**\*\*Invocation**

Please See Projection

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:** Kylin Kirksey, Jessie Miller, Blake Niesporek,

Julian Valliant and Maurice Valliant

**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:** "Prelude to Advent" by Frederic Chopin, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

## 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:** "Soar Joyfully Upwards" by J.S. Bach, arr. Michel Rondeau

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

Hymnal #95

**Hymn:** "Sing We Now of Christmas" (vs 1,2,3)

Hymnal #237

## 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:** Romans 8:31-39

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** "Waiting to Overcome"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

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

Hymnal #229

## Taking the Light of Christ into the World

## Benediction

**\*\*Postlude:** "Christmas Carol of Várhely" 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: Romans 8:31-39  
 Sermon: "Waiting to Overcome"  
 Closing song  
 Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Kim and Dennis Goforth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE	DESOTO PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Angie Baughman	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby		
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson mumcministries@gmail.com	Ed O'Donnell mumcministries@gmail.com	
Acolytes	Conner Twenhafel and Maya Jenkins		
Prayer Request Reader	Lou Ann Lough	Ed O'Donnell	
Liturgist	Bob Hall		
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	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Scarlett & Rick Pierson	
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale	
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Walter King			

## STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 11, 2016

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Traditional Service: 184; Praise Service: 66; Sunday School: 114  
Offering: \$10,028

### CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

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The red rose and book on the altar celebrate the birth of Elizabeth Sue Stewart, born December 8th to Katie and Lee Stewart. Grandpa Gene Schwebel and Aunt Carrie Schwebel rejoice!

The white rose on the altar is in memory of John Carvell, who died on Monday December 12th. John was the husband of Sylvia Carvell.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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\*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** entitled *Just a Little Christmas* will be **TODAY** during the Sunday School hour (10:10 am).

**A DESOTO PROGRESS MEETING** is scheduled for **THIS AFTERNOON** at 2:00 p.m. at the DeSoto site. This will be the final of three monthly meetings intended to create community interest while providing us the opportunity to respond to God's calling in our lives. Everyone is encouraged to attend (even if you've attended a previous meeting). Come, learn and pray about the ways we are sharing the love, hope and grace of Jesus Christ with this community.

**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 FOR THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER.** 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.

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

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**IN LIEU OF OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE (ONT) MEAL THIS MONTH**, the ONT team invites everyone to enjoy the Community Christmas Dinner to take place on Christmas Day from 12:30—2:00 pm at the KC Hall, 606 Plum Street, Murphysboro.

**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.

**\*PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY - EXODUS:** Tuesday mornings Jan 10 through Apr 11 (except Feb 28 and Mar 14), 9 - 10:30 am. Will offer on Sunday evenings Jan 8 - Apr 9 (except Feb 26 and Mar 12), from 5 - 6:30 pm. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, December 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.

**\*INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?** Please mark the Registration and Attendance sheet if you'd like to be contacted, and include your phone number.

### **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

Dec 25 No Youth Meetings  
Jan 8 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?

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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/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 SPECIAL SERVICES

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This year's March to the Manger program will be brand new. Due to Christmas falling on Sunday, the March will actually begin at both services on Christmas Eve with a new nativity drama written especially for this year. The program will conclude on Christmas Day with a joyous celebration of the birth of the Christ child. Our March to the Manger offering will be received at both of our Christmas Day services. I want to thank the many people who have come together to bring new life to this ancient story and help us celebrate this Christmas holiday.

~ Pastor Larry

## PRAYER LIST

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Lee and Alberta Sullivan  
Bill Quigley

Jacob Heilig  
Etta Mae Imhoff

Marie Quigley

- ◆ Marylou Bernasek, cousin of Katherine Twenhafel, for serious health concerns.
- ◆ The family and friends of John Carvell, who died on December 12th.
- ~ 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.
- 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.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.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