

WELCOME
CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES
MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

December 25, 2016
Christmas • White



**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: "Prelude on 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'" by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. P.C. Lutkin

Light of Christ Enters

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

Bell Choir: "Joy to the World" by Lowell Mason, G. F. Handel, arr by Valerie W. Stephenson

****Hymn of Praise:** "Joy to the World" (vs 1)

Hymnal #246

****Invocation**

Please See Projection

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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: "From the Realms of Glory" by Lee Dengler

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: "Offertory on 'Adeste fideles'" by Clément Loret

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

Hymnal #95

Hymn: "The First Noel" (vs 1,2,3)

Hymnal #245

Offering of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Please See Projection

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Waiting to Know God's Blessing"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

March to the Manger Presentation

****Commitment Hymn:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs 1,3,5,6)

Hymnal #234

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

****Postlude:** "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" from 'Messiah' by G. F. Handel

****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: Luke 2:1-20
 Sermon: "Waiting to Know God's Blessing"
 March to the Manger
 Closing Song
 Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE	DESOTO PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Brian Vincent	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby		
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com	
Acolytes	Caroline Guthman and Briana Carnes		
Liturgist	Richard Tierney		
Prayer Request Reader	Stephanie Finke	Kristi Miller	
Welcome Hostesses	Patti Shields and Carolyn Sauer		
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Matt Baughman and Don Abbadusky	
Children's Church Volunteers	No children's church	No children's church	
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale	

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Harold W. Blacklock

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 18, 2016

Traditional Service: 160 ; Praise Service: 61; Sunday School: 80
Offering: \$4335.00

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

The white rose on the altar is in memory of Carl Brown, who died on December 16th. Carl was the father of Jennifer Watson and the grandfather of London and Asia Watson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, AS WELL AS CHILDREN'S CHURCH, will not be in session today 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.

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 TODAY from 12:30—2:00 pm at the KC Hall, 606 Plum Street, Murphysboro.

COMMUNION will be celebrated during services on Sunday, January 8th (Covenant Sunday) rather than during our traditional first-of-the-month services.

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 scheduled to begin January 5th have been cancelled.

NEW SERMON SERIES ENTITLED *TOGETHER* will be presented Sundays, January 8 - 29. This series will revisit the idea of The Trail by encouraging the congregation in the importance of small group participation. The sermons will focus on the benefits of spiritual disciplines and how members can grow in them by being involved in a small group. Greater details on this series will be featured in next week's bulletin.

***PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY - EXODUS:** TODAY is the last day to sign up for this study. It will be held on Sunday evenings Jan 8 - Apr 9 (except Feb 26 and Mar 12), from 5 - 6:30 pm and a separate session on Tuesday mornings Jan 10 through Apr 11 (except Feb 28 and Mar 14), 9 - 10:30 am. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont) *INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

Taught by Angie Baughman. The cost of the book is \$26 payable at the first session.
Child care available upon request.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

TODAY 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?

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 SERVICE



Celebration Sunday will be held on New Year's Day (next week) in both our Traditional and Praise services. We will celebrate the many wonderful moments of 2016, take a quick look at the hopes of 2017, and watch the wonderful video highlights that Troy Brown has pulled together for us.

PRAYER LIST

Lee and Alberta Sullivan

Marie Quigley

Bill Quigley

- ◆ The family and friends of Carl Brown, who died on December 16th. Carl was the father of Jennifer Watson and the grandfather of London and Asia Watson.
- ~ 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

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SERMON BROADCAST on  or find link at www.murphysboroumc.com

CHURCH LIBRARY: Room 110

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