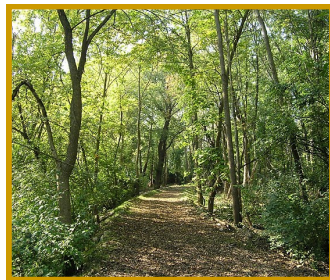


Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

November 24, 2013

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“The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

New to Murphysboro UMC?

We want to help you get connected!

Welcome Center:

Come visit the Welcome Center following the 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!

Tours of the Church:

Tours of our historic church are held the 2nd Sunday of each month immediately following worship. Meet your tour guide at the ‘Tour’ sign at the front of the sanctuary.

First Connection:

A brief orientation to the ministries of our church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Meet your leader immediately following worship at the ‘First Connection’ sign at the front of the sanctuary.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. If you prefer, a nursery for children infant through four-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 4, will be dismissed for Children's Church in Room 203, following the Pastoral Prayer.

Celebration of Worship

November 24, 2013
Thanksgiving Sunday
Ordinary Time—White

The Greeting

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Congregational Chorus

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Hymnal #328

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

“We Gather Together” by Beatrice Fisk

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Hymnal #694

Noisy Offering: During this hymn, the children will pass buckets and collect loose change. The noisy offering for missions in November will go to ***Murphysboro Key Club***

Invocation

In Unison

Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.

++Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting

If due to health concerns, you are unable to stand and share in this time of greeting, please know that our hearts are yours in Christ Jesus.

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” by Johnson and Fettke

Children's Moments

Reception of New Members

Dan and Kathy Bratton, Laurie Nehring, Tonya Walker and Judy Little

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. by Dennis R. Johnson

++Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal #95

Offering of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

Hymnal #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Church Procession

Scripture

Psalms 100

Holy Bible (in Pew)

Old Testament P. 552

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“A Lot to Be Thankful For ”

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Commitment Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymnal #102

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

++Benediction

++Postlude

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” arr. by Martha Sobaje

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

Today's Worship

Greeters: Katherine Twenhafel & Olliebelle Ridley

Liturgist: Vanessa Lirely

Organist: Judy Little

November Worship Leader: Rick Runge

Prayer Request Reader: Kristi Miller

Acolytes: Tyler Doody & Ryan Finke

Welcome Hostesses: Kay Bozarth & Nancy Tillett

Sunday Stewards: Gene Schwebel, Bill McNitt, Marty McNitt,

Troy Brown, Everett Blackwell and Ron Kiser

Ushers: Todd Doody (Captain), Jennifer Watson, London Watson, Kyle Hargraves, James Bean, and Jay Graff

Credentialed Nursery Teacher: Tania Cruz

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring

Walter & Ethel McCoy

Stewardship & Attendance for November 17, 2013

Offering: \$ 3991.50 Worship: 245 Sunday School: 144

All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Today at 5:00 p.m.

- Includes entertainment—you won't want to miss this event!
- The church will provide the meat and drinks.
- Please bring a side dish of vegetables, salad or dessert.

We are preparing personal offering envelopes for 2014. If you have not received envelopes in the past, but would like to, check the box on the Registration and Attendance sheet and a box will be prepared for you for 2014.

As our construction progress continues, we will need to form clean-up teams that can work a few hours on Saturday to clean the construction mess to be ready for Sunday. If you are willing to occasionally help clean during construction, please mark the Construction Clean-up Team on the Registration and Attendance pad.

The long-awaited updates to our pictorial directory have arrived. They are available in the Fellowship Hall. There are a limited number of original directories; please do not take a binder if you received one when they were originally done. Please allow our newer families to take what extras still remain. However, the updates are available to everyone.

Hanging of the Green Schedule

Sunday, December 1, 2013

Early Afternoon: Chancel stewards and assistants decorate the sanctuary

4:00 p.m. *JYF/SYF decorate Fellowship Hall*

5:00 p.m. *Light potluck (sandwiches/finger foods) Everyone welcome—even if you're not decorating*

5:45 p.m. *Christmas Carols in the sanctuary—let's kick off the Christmas season and enjoy the decorated sanctuary!*

Note: Classrooms will be decorated at a time mutually decided by teachers/participants.

Additional copies of the **Advent Calendar of Devotions** are available in the Welcome Center. Please take one with you and allow the devotions to help deepen your Advent experience.

New Study Scheduled for Faithful Friends Women's Sunday School Class:
"Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam"
Begins December 1st
8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.; Room 204
Teresa Gilbert, Class Leader
Teresa@teresagilbert.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, November 25, 2013

6:30 p.m. Scrapbook & Scripture in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Church Council in Chapel

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting in Passages

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 30, 2013

9:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary Balcony

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Passages

Sunday, December 1, 2013—Advent Begins

12:30 p.m. Discerning Our Direction Team in Faithful Friends

4:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green

**We keep an updated CHURCH CALENDAR
on our website at www.murphysboroumc.com**

Free Set of Children/Youth Bible Books Available

There is a 10 volume set of Bible Stories available for free for any family who would like to have them. A large illustrated book, titled "The Desire of the Ages," for older readers, is also available for free. Anyone who is interested will find these volumes downstairs in the church library.

Reminder: Faithful Friends Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Ham provided. Bring a potluck dish or dessert. If you've RSVPed and now cannot attend or if you have not yet RSVPed and wish to attend, contact Nancy Vallino, 924-3781, or Kathy Bratton, 559-3087 **no later than Tuesday, November 26th.**

Service & Missions is collecting mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for ages 6 to adult, both male and female. These will be distributed to the Masonic Children's Home and the Women's Center. Please bring these items to the Hanging of the Green on December 1.

The Church Conference held on November 19, 2013 unanimously passed three resolutions stating the following:

1. The Board of Trustees move to accept and sign the bid of Fager-McGee Construction Company of \$212,600 for Phase II of the Elevator Project.
2. The Board of Trustees move to be granted authority to borrow the funds necessary to cover all costs associated with Phase II using the funds from the Elevator Project Campaign and the existing Elevator Funds to cover Construction costs and to service any debt incurred.
3. The Board of Trustees move to be granted authority to enter into Phase III of the Elevator Project. This authority will grant them permission to pursue bids, sign contracts and borrow funds upon consultation with and the approval of the Finance Committee.

Total Cost of Elevator Project without Phase III included—\$230,600.

Prayer List

Viola Buchholz

Myrtle McKinnie

Elene Swafford

Barbara Zimmerman

Bill Quigley

Ada Heller

Novella Howard

Betty Kiel

Sharon Sanders

Joan Bastien

Marie Quigley

Rick McLaskey

Paula Huppert

Ruth Reiman

Pastor Ted Mayes

Ed Lirely

Marcia Butler

Cheryl Wilkerson (Co-Worker of Gene Schwebel)

E.R. Roy Sides (Lee Sullivan's brother-in-law)

Jack Schingel (Mason Schingel's grandfather)

Sandra and Keith Flynt (Candy Watt's sister and brother-in-law who have health concerns)

~ 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@frontier.com

~ Copies of the long-term and ongoing prayer list are on the bulletin table for those who wish a copy for their prayer time at home.

Wednesday Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room.

Intercessory prayer for the joys and concerns of our church family, community and the world.

Prayer Emphasis for November
Murphysboro Key Club

If you would like to assist UMCOR's work in the Philippines as a result of Typhoon Haiyan your donations can be made to Advance #982450 and designated as "Typhoon Haiyan".

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Nov. 24:

No Youth Meeting

Join church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 1:

JYF & SYF Decorate Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 8:

* Youth Meeting

Bring A Friend!

*CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)

*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)

*SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)



Are you beginning to think about Christmas and the shopping season? The Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life Team is willing to help you with your early shopping. We will be conducting our gift card sales again this year. If you are not familiar with the program, you just choose gift cards to purchase from a list of available choices. You receive the cards and our team receives a percentage of the sales from the company that provides the cards. Watch for a list and instructions on how to order in the today's bulletin.