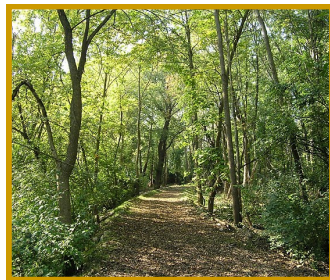


Welcome to the MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



See You on the Trail!

December 1, 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

December 1, 2013—First Sunday of Advent
Advent—Blue

The Greeting

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

Gavot (from the Suite, *The Shepherds' Lottery* [1751] by William Boyce
Please begin a time of quiet centering for worship when the music begins

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Hymnal #196

Noisy Offering: During this hymn, the children will pass buckets and collect loose change. The noisy offering for missions in December will go to the **Community Christmas Dinner**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

All: Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Richard and Mary Ellen Tierney

++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

Special Music

“The Lord Is With You” By Chris Machen

Gabriel-Vincent Hale, Mary-Jan Marston, Joseph- Richard Tierney

Children's Moments

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Trumpet Tune (from the Trumpet Concerto) by Francesco Manfredini

++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

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 122

Holy Bible (in Pew)
Old Testament P. 640
Old Testament P.571

L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Christmas Offers Peace”

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Ritual of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

++Benediction

++Postlude

Meditation on “O Store Gud” by Lani Smith

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

Today's Worship

Greeters: Paul and Debbie Chapman

Liturgist: Dennis Goforth

Organist: Micah Mayes

November Worship Leader: Ed O'Donnell

Prayer Request Reader: Mary Jane Williams

Acolytes: Drake Rogus and Cadence Brown

Welcome Hostesses: Jennifer O'Donnell and Terri Yates

Sunday Stewards: Bob Eaton, Ralph Bastien, Andy McNitt, Bill Quigley and Dave Auxier

Ushers: Rick Runge (Captain), Kyle Quigley, Erin Mileur, Bob Eaton and Trina Eaton

Credentialed Nursery Teacher: Tania Cruz

*The Memory Book is open to the page honoring
Walter King, Ira Kimmel, Charles Kirby and Martha Kuehn*

Stewardship & Attendance for November 24, 2013

Offering: \$ 5369.00 Worship: 245 Sunday School: 112

Noisy Offering for Nov.: \$316.48

To help provide the best worship experience possible for our children, next year we will be making some age adjustments. Beginning in January 2014, Children’s Church will be for children between age 3 and 3rd grade. The nursery is available for those children who are 3 and younger. Thanks for your cooperation as we provide ministry to our children.

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 2014 box will be prepared for you.

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 **Welcome Center**. 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. The binders and updates are on the table by the Nursery.

Hanging of the Green Schedule

Today, December 1, 2013

Early Afternoon: Chancel stewards & 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.

Don’t forget to bring your mittens, hats, gloves and scarves For Service & Missions

**New Study Scheduled for Faithful Friends Women’s Sunday School Class:
“Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam”**

Begins Today

8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.; Room 204

Teresa Gilbert, Class Leader

Teresa@teresagilbert.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, December 2, 2013

5:30 p.m. Relay For Life in Chapel

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 8189 in Journeys

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

6:30 p.m. Faithful Friends Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

5:45 p.m. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

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

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

Thursday, December 5, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts Round Table in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Disciple II in Faithful Friends

Friday, December 6, 2013

8:30 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation in Chapel

10:00 a.m. Staff/Volunteer Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop in Journeys

7:30 p.m. Brownies in Journeys

Saturday, December 7, 2013

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

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Passages

Sunday, December 8, 2013

5:00 p.m. Youth Meeting

**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 interested will find these volumes downstairs in the church library.

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 this evening.

Spirit of Christmas gifts are due Sunday, December 8, 2013.

If you have done shopping for a Spirit of Christmas list, please bring your gifts to the church next Sunday, December 8th.

Additional copies of the **Advent Calendar of Devotions** are available in the Welcome Center, on the table at the back of the sanctuary and in the foyer at the 15th & Pine Street entrance. Please take one with you and allow the devotions to help deepen your Advent experience.

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

Ellen McNitt (on the loss of her father, Gerald Haeker)

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 December is the
Community Christmas Dinner**

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

Dec. 1: JYF & SYF Decorate Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 8: * Youth Meeting

Dec. 22: * Youth Christmas Party

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)



Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Earl Renshaw will present a special program to honor Liz Ridgeway and her late husband Bill, as Liz plans to move to Texas soon.

Menu: Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli & Cheese and Cranberry Salad. Desserts by Young At Heart Members.

Please check the box on the Registration & Attendance Sheet if you plan to attend.