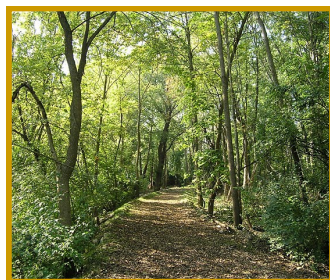


Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**December 15, 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 15, 2013—Third 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**

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. by Gregg Sewell

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1, 2, 3) Hymnal #220

**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**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Jim and Sheila Stewart

**Invocation**

**Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

**Bell Choir**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" by Natalie Sleeth, arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

"The Shepherd's Song" (An Ancient Carol) arr. by Alexander Guilmant

**++Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #95

**Hymn**

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) Hymnal #218

**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.**

*There will be no children's church today, they will remain in the  
sanctuary for the cantata.*

**Christmas Cantata** The Living Light by Ruth Elaine Schram  
Presented by the combined Chancel Choirs of Grace UMC and Murphysboro UMC

Narrated by Rick Runge

**Overture**

**The Living Light  
Send Us the Light  
I Can See It In Your Eyes  
Glory to the Newborn King  
Christ the King  
The Living Light (Reprise)**

**++Commitment Hymn**  
"What Child Is This"

Hymnal #219

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**++Benediction**

**++Postlude**

Variations on "Of the Father's Love Begotten" by Matthew Corl

**++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

**Today's Worship**

**Greeters:** Paula and Sam Chapa

**Liturgist:**

**Organist:** Judy Little

**December Worship Leader:** Ed O'Donnell

**Prayer Request Reader:** Adrienne Will

**Acolytes:** Ben Barringer and Conner Twenhafel

**Welcome Hostesses:** Adrienne Will and Barbara Hughes

**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  
Emma McDaniel Morris***

**Stewardship & Attendance for December 1, 2013**

Offering: \$ 11,184.00 Worship: 212 Sunday School: 118



## Christmas Poinsettia and Christmas Memorial

If you wish to order a poinsettia for our church sanctuary either in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form in this church bulletin and return to the church office no later than December 16th.

Please enclose payment with your order and make your checks payable to MUMC.

Donation is \$10 each.

Ellen McNitt and family would like to thank the church family for all their cards, thoughts and prayers on the death of her father, Gerald Haeker.

**The deadline for contributions to the January *Compass* is 12:00 noon on December 16th.**

The next scheduled Sunday to receive new members into our church will be January 26th. Please sign on the Registration and Attendance pad if you would like to attend a membership informational meeting.

Van Policy—We have adopted a new Policy for the use of our vans. If you have the classification to drive the white van and are on the list to drive the blue van, please come by the annex Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday to pick up a form we need filled out. We are implementing the policy on January 1, 2014, and would like all drivers to be in place by February 1, 2014. Along with the form you will get the new policy for your information. Thanks—Board of Trustees

We currently have an opening for a volunteer in the church office for a few hours a month. If you are interested in more information check the appropriate box on the Registration and Attendance sheet. Thanks for considering this area of service.

**Elevator Capital Campaign**—Please remember that your Elevator Capital Campaign pledges start January 1, 2014.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Monday, December 16, 2013

Meals on Wheels Kathy Blackwell and Betty King  
Nancy Fager and Sharon Jones  
12:00 noon Young At Heart in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 8189 in Journeys

### Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Meals on Wheels Lee Rendleman and Debbie Chapman  
Loyd and Ruth Ebersohl  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Meals on Wheels Dave and Candy Watt  
Sharon Graff and Peggy Schuster  
5:45 p.m. Choir Practice in Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Passages  
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, December 19, 2013

Meals on Wheels Lela Sternberg and  
Thelma and Lynn Pierson  
6:00 p.m. Disciple II in Faithful Friends

### Friday, December 20, 2013

Meals on Wheels Jack Herring and Jack Cochran  
Dave Auxier and Bill Pierson  
6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop in Journeys  
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Brownies in Journeys

### Saturday, December 21, 2013

9:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary Balcony  
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Passages

**We keep an updated CHURCH CALENDAR  
on our website at [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com)**

## *HOSTESSES*

*Involves two Sundays a year and is a wonderful opportunity to see people you may not get to see very often. If you would enjoy being a Hostess please call Patty Shields at 534-1475.*

### **Adult mission trip to Henderson Settlement June 8 – 14**

Henderson Settlement is a United Methodist missions camp in Frakes, Kentucky with volunteer opportunities too numerous to list. If you are interested in a mission trip please come learn more about MUMC's trip to Henderson Settlement.



**Informational meeting Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.** immediately following Sunday school.

Please check the attendance pad if you plan to attend the informational meeting.

## Prayer List

Viola Buchholz	Novella Howard	Paula Huppert
Myrtle McKinnie	Betty Kiel	Josh Nelson
Elene Swafford	Sharon Sanders	Rick McLaskey
Joan Bastien	Ed Lirely	Bill Quigley
Linda Rozich	Ada Heller	

Lynn Strothman and Patty Thrailkill on the death of Richard Strothman  
Lynn's address: 18130 Millstone Cove Rd., Apt. 411, Gravis Mills, MO 65037  
Ellen McNitt (on the loss of her father, Gerald Haeker)  
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](mailto: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**

## **YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

**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)



Monday, December 16, 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.

### **Spirit of Christmas gifts are due today.**

If you have done shopping for a Spirit of Christmas list, please bring your gifts to the church today.