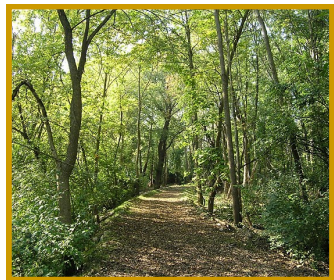


Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**December 22, 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 22, 2013—Fourth 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**

"Adagio" by Arcangelo Corelli

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Hymnal #218

**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** Emily and Kyle Hargraves

**Invocation**

**O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through 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**

**Chancel Choir**

"Send Us the Light" by Ruth Elaine Schram

**Children's Moments**

**Bell Choir**

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

**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** Holy Bible (in pew)

Matthew 3: 1-12 New Testament p.2

Matthew 1: 18-25 New Testament p.1

**Sermon**

"Christmas Offers a Calling" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**March to the Manger Offering**

**Hymn**

"O Come All Ye Faithful" Hymnal #234

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

**++Benediction**

**++Postlude**

"Sing to the Lord!" by Lani Smith

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

**Today's Worship**

**Greeters:** Dan & Kathy Bratton

**Liturgist:** Sharon Jones

**Organist:** Micah Mayes

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

**Prayer Request Reader:** Wilma Westerfield

**Acolytes:** Alex Baughman and Ethan Finke

**Welcome Hostesses:** Adrienne Will and Barbara Hughes  
Janis Crews and Carolyn Sauer

**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  
Harry Tindall***

**Stewardship & Attendance for December 15, 2013**

Offering: \$ 9,858.00 Worship: 257 Sunday School: 126



2013 POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

In Memory of...

Our Parents, Dr. & Mrs. Robinson and Mr. & Mrs. Elvis Renshaw  
from Rev. and Sandra Renshaw

Our Parents, Carlos & Marie Moutardier and Charles & Miriam Elliott  
from Ron & Sally Moutardier

Kyle A. Trambley from Grandma Lynn & Grandpa Rick Pierson

Our Parents, Robert & Mabel Boyle from Barbara & Jerry Giffin

Caleb Nehring and Glenn Vail from The Nehring Family

Howard & Jean Slider and Louis & Doris Bergdolt from Bill & Mary Slider

Bob Rice from Mimi Rice

Our Parents from Arlene & Paul Bitner

Kenneth & Wilma Cochran from Jack & Janice Cochran

The Ozburn & Ormsby Families from Bert & Carolyn Ozburn

Eugene & Anna Chambers, Essie Chambers, Jerry DiPaola, Bradford & Leona  
Hinchcliff and Suzanne Hinchcliff  
from Brad & Mary Ann Chambers Hinchcliff

Our Parents from Ken & Vern Cline

Larry Pinkerton, Geraldine Fager, Our Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles  
from Nancy & Dennis Fager

Gerald & Lorraine Haecker from Bill & Ellen McNitt

Andy Willis, Walter & Gladys King and Kay Blackwell from Betty King

Richard, Ingrid & Kay Blackwell, Nellie Kroetz & Andy Willis  
from Everett & Kathy Blackwell

Kay Blackwell and Rick Blackwell, Andy Willis and Walter & Gladys King  
from Barbara & Jim Hughes

Our five heaven grandbabies from Ron & Clara Kiser

Robert E. Williams, George & Ava Hogan and Mary E. Wiedeman  
from the Rob Williams Family

Bert & Helen Pierson, Raymond & Melba Love, Rose Pierson and John Love  
from Bill & Thelma Pierson

Francis E. ,Emily, Francis W. & Ted Spindloe, Tim & Timothy S. Bowers and Grace  
from Virginia Bowers

Marianne Webb from Judy Little

Our parents from Carl & Gloria Stoker

In Honor of...

Our Grandchildren, Dylan, Bren & Collette from Bob & Trina Eaton

Susan Patterson from Seekers Class

Rev. & Mrs. Richard Giffin from Barbara & Jerry Giffin

CHURCH CALENDAR

**Wednesday, December 25, 2013**  
Christmas Day  
**Thursday, December 26, 2013**  
Office Closed  
**Friday, December 27, 2013**  
Office Closed  
6:00 p.m. Scrapbook & Scripture in Fellowship Hall  
**Saturday, December 28, 2013**  
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Passages  
**Sunday, December 29, 2013**  
12:00 Noon Our Neighbor's Table in Fellowship Hall

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

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

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 im-  
plementing 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

**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  
**Jan. 12:** \* Youth Meetings  
**Jan. 26:** \* Youth Meetings

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)

Clifton and Viola Buchholz would like to thank their church family for all the support cards  
and care packages during this time. God bless you all and have a Blessed Christmas.

*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.*

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.