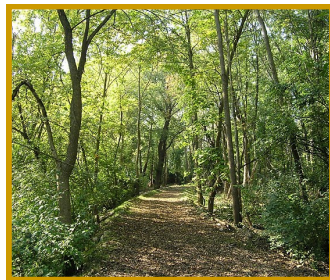


Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**December 29, 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 29, 2013—First Sunday After Christmas Day  
Christmas - White

**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**

"Musette" by George Frideric Handel

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise**

"The First Noel" (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5) Hymnal #245

**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**

**Invocation**

O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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**

"Christ the King" by Ruth Elaine Schram

**Children's Moments**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

"Allegretto" by Henry Purcell

**++Doxology**

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

**Hymn**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Hymnal #224

**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**

Luke 2: 19—20

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Holy Bible (in pew)

New Testament p.58

**Sermon**

"It's All Over but the Shouting"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**++Commitment Hymn**

"In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs. 1 & 4)

Hymnal #221

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

**++Benediction**

**++Postlude**

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" by Lani Smith

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

**Today's Worship**

**Greeters:** Everett and Kathy Blackwell

**Liturgist:** Braden Miller

**Organist:** Micah Mayes

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

**Prayer Request Reader:** Kristi Miller

**Acolytes:** Maddie Bean and Caitlin Doody

**Welcome Hostesses:** Arlene Bitner and Caroline Pederson

**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  
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Turner***

**Stewardship & Attendance for December 22, 2013**

Offering: \$ Worship: 254 Sunday School: 137

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

**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.

**UPCOMING SERMON SERIES**

January Sermon Series:

“Finding Your Way: “Faith Steps That Make a Difference”

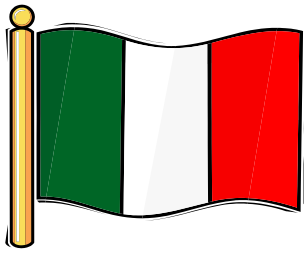
February Sermon Series:

“Simple Rules to Simplify Your Life”

**Coming Soon:**

“An Evening in Italy”

An elegant dinner hosted by the Senior High Youth



**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

New Year's Day

**Thursday, January 2, 2014**

6:00 p.m. Scouts Round Table

**Friday, January 3, 2014**

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

6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop in Journeys

7:30 p.m. Brownies in Journeys

**Saturday, January 4, 2014**

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)**

**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.

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.

**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**

<b><u>Dec. 22:</u></b>	* Youth Christmas Party
<b><u>Jan. 12:</u></b>	* Youth Meeting
<b><u>Jan. 24 &amp; 25:</u></b>	SYF Lock-In

**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)

**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.*