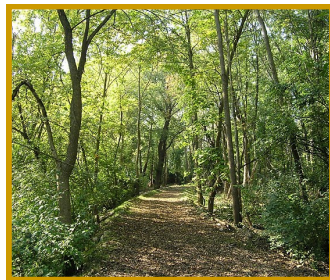


# Welcome to the MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## See You on the Trail!

**December 8, 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 8, 2013—Second 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

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

Pam and Casey Graham

### 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

### Children's Moments

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

### ++Doxology

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

### Hymn

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (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 and Murphysboro UMC

### 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

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

### Today's Worship

**Greeters:** Dan and Kathy Bratton

**Liturgist:** Braden Miller

**Organist:** Micah Mayes

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

**Prayer Request Reader:** Emily Hargraves

**Acolytes:** Aiden McNitt and Maggie Williams

**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  
Lora Vaughn, Lenore Wells, Paul Allen and Elizabeth Grizzell**

### Stewardship & Attendance for December 1, 2013

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

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.



## Christmas Poinsettia and Christmas Memorial

If you wish to order a poinsettia for our

church sanctuary in memory 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.

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.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Monday, December 9, 2013

1:00 p.m. Nurture and Care in Trailblazers

### Tuesday, December 10, 2013

12:00 p.m. Young At Heart in Fellowship Hall

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

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees in Annex

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee in Annex

### Wednesday, December 11, 2013

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting in Annex

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 12, 2013

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

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

### Friday, December 13, 2013

10:00 a.m. Feeder of the Pack in Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, December 14, 2013

7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast

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.*

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.

### **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

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

Linda Rozich

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](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. 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)

### **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.



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.