

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
 METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**November 30, 2014  
 First Sunday of Advent  
 Advent—Blue**

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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!

**Newcomers Reception:**

Approximately once per quarter we will host a Newcomers Reception, at which Pastor Larry will be present to meet and share information with the newcomers. At that same event, we will offer a church tour and brief orientation to the ministries of our church.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:**



Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. If you prefer, a nursery for children (suggested ages infant through three 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 3 (suggested), will be dismissed for CHILDREN'S CHURCH in Room 205, following the Pastoral Prayer. Also see our “Helping Children Experience Worship” cards in front of the pew Bibles.

**9:00 a.m. Traditional Service**

**Call to Worship**

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**

*Noisy Mission Offering: During worship leader announcements, the red buckets in the pews are to be passed. The noisy mission offering in November will go to **Murphysboro Key Club**.*

*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 Greg Sewell

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymnal #196

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath** (See Projected Blessing)

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Cliff Buchholz and Sharon Jones

**Congregation Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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**

**Chancel Choir:** “Come to Us” by Heather Soerenson

**Children's Moments**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** March from “The Nutcracker” by Tchaikovsky, arr. by Norman Warren

**++Doxology:** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

**Hymn:** “What Child is This” Hymnal #219

**Offering of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing**

**The Lord's Prayer** 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** to Room 205

**Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “The Miracle of Surrender” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**Commitment Hymn:** “There's a Song in the Air” Hymnal #249

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

**Benediction**

**++Postlude:** Variations on “Gloria” by Anthony Giamanco

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

**11:15 a.m. Praise Service**

**Opening Singing**

**Greeting Each Other**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath** (See Projected Blessing)

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Barringer Family

**Giving Our Offerings**

**Songs of Worship**

**Children's Time**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:26-38

**Sermon:** “The Miracle of Surrender” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**

**Sending Forth**

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
<b>Greeters</b>	Jerry and Barbara Giffin	Susie Karnes and Teresa Gilbert
<b>Liturgist</b>	Trina Eaton	
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Judy Little/Micah Mayes	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rosie Wece gwece@wecefarms.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
<b>Choir/Music Leader</b>	Ricardo King	Dennis Goforth
<b>Prayer Request Reader</b>	Adrienne Will	Angie Baughman
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ben Barringer and Conner Twenhafel	
<b>Welcome Hostesses</b>	Rosalie Winters and Barb Hughes	Scarlett Pierson
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Doody, Kyle Hargraves, London Watson, Jennifer Watson, Lowell Heller and John Erbes	Jay Graff, Olivia Graff, and Nicci Steele
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Tania Cruz	Bridget Lewis
<b>The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Lloyd Teas</b>		

**Stewardship and Attendance for November 23, 2014**

Offering (Combined): \$5,715.00

Traditional Service: 211; Praise Service: 48; Sunday School: 118

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE**

**FREE** **11:30**

**Chicken & Dumplings  
Dinner with Dessert  
& Beverage**

**YOUR "TICKET"  
TO GREAT  
FOOD  
AND  
FELLOWSHIP!**

**TODAY AT NOON**

**TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM  
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS  
WITH THE WORTHING10s!!**

This will be a fun-filled, music-filled evening, including light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following their show!



**BREAKFAST & Nativity Set-up**  
Saturday, December 6th, 7:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall Room 104N



**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!**

Please check the UMM Breakfast box on the Registration & Attendance Sheet if you plan on attending.

## Cards for a Cure

The Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life team is selling gift cards to over 50 businesses. Please help us raise money for the American Cancer Society. For every gift card that we sell, the companies will give us a percentage of the sale. For example, if you give us \$10, we will give you a gift card for \$10. Then the business will donate a percentage back to our team.

**Purchasing gift cards is an easy way to get a jump-start on your Christmas shopping and at the same time help raise money for the battle against cancer.** You may contact any Relay member for information or mail your order to Wilma Westerfield at 303 S Pecan, DeSoto, IL, 62924. **Orders must be turned in by THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH. Cards will be in plenty of time before Christmas. Order forms are available on the table, north side of the Welcome Center (just outside of the Chapel). Please make checks payable to Methodists on a Mission.**

MUMC Relay Team: Wilma Westerfield, Sharon Jones, Jennifer Watson, Asia Watson, Kathy Ripley, Nancy Fager, Tena Bigham, Emma Bigham, Lela Sternberg and Sharon Graff.



### THE RICE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Come to see our interpretation of the Christmas story aided by our Fontanini figures and buildings. The display will be open every evening from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., December 14 through December 31, 2014. Location: Garage at 501 Pump House Road in Murphysboro.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### TODAY

Noon Our Neighbor's Table in Rm 104N  
7:00 pm Christmas with the Worthing10s in Sanctuary

### Monday, December 1, 2014

7:00 pm AA Big Book in Rm 104N

### Tuesday, December 2, 2014

6:00 pm Board of Trustees in Rm 202  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts in Rm 104N  
6:30 pm Praise Team in Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Finance Committee in Rm 202

### Wednesday, December 3, 2014

9:00 am Worship Team in Rm 204  
6:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts in Rm 104N  
7:00 pm AA Meeting in Rm 107  
7:00 pm AA/AL Meeting in Rm 109

### Thursday, December 4, 2014

6:00 pm Disciple II Study in Rm 204  
6:00 pm Scouts Round Table in Rm 104N

### Friday, December 5, 2014

8:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation in Rm 202

### Saturday, December 6, 2014

7:30 am UMM Breakfast in Rm 104N  
9:00 am Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary  
10:00 am AA Meeting in Rm 107

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



### CHRISTMAS YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, December 9th

Noon in the Fellowship Hall, Rm 104N

\$5.00 menu: Ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, corn, ambrosia salad. Each of us to bring a dessert.

Please bring items for the nursing home. Examples: tissues, stationery, deodorant, body powder, body lotion, stamps, socks, shaving lotion.

Please check the Young at Heart box on the Registration and Attendance Sheet if you plan on attending.

### NEXT MONTH'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Traditional Service:** Jennifer Watson,

[jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com](mailto:jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com)

**Praise Service:** Angie Baughman,

[angie\\_baughman@hotmail.com](mailto:angie_baughman@hotmail.com);

(12/28) Ed O'Donnell, [eod@edodonnell.com](mailto:eod@edodonnell.com)

Those who do not use email but wish to submit an item for announcement by worship leaders during worship services may phone the church office at 687-2317.



## Prayer List

JoAnn Schirmer

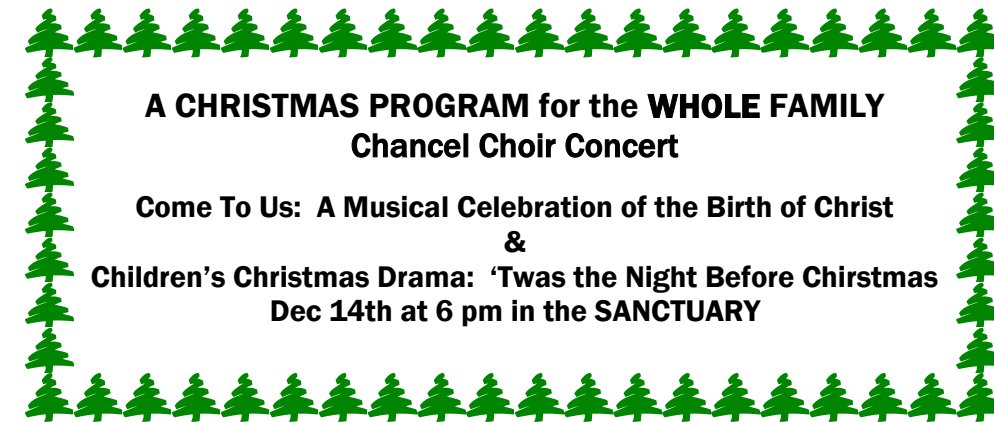
Kenneth Seibel

Don Miller

- ~ 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)
- ~ Names will be published in the bulletin for 4 weeks. Please contact the office if you want a name to run longer.
- ~ 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.

**Prayer Emphasis for November is Murphysboro Key Club  
Prayer Emphasis for December is the Community Christmas Dinner**

Please include these in your daily prayers.



## A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM for the WHOLE FAMILY Chancel Choir Concert

**Come To Us: A Musical Celebration of the Birth of Christ  
&**

**Children's Christmas Drama: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas  
Dec 14th at 6 pm in the SANCTUARY**

REMINDER: 2015 suggestions for Noisy Mission Offering should be submitted to Barb Hughes at 924-5898 or [jbkhughes@frontier.com](mailto:jbkhughes@frontier.com) before December 16th.

## YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

### Dec. 13

\*A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

4:30 p.m.—MUMC vans depart parking lot

5:00 p.m.—Dinner at Italian Village

6:00 p.m.—A Night in Bethlehem, Cobden First Baptist Church

8:00 p.m.—Vans return to MUMC parking lot

Register with your youth group leader by Sun., Dec. 7th.

Bring a friend (a permission slip is required). Cost is \$2.00.

### Dec. 14

No regular meetings: Christmas Concert at 6 pm

### Dec. 28

\*Youth Christmas Party at 5:00 pm

\*CYF: Children's Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)

\*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)

\*SYF: Senior High Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)

\*Youth meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sundays every month