

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

**December 7, 2014
Second 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

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: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach, arr. Raymond Hill

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal #211

Lighting of the Advent Candle Beverly and Dan Jarrett

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

Invocation

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; 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

Bell Choir: "Lumiere" by Fred Gramann

Children's Moments

*As the children come down, the red **Money for Mission** buckets in the pews are to be passed. The noisy mission offering in December will go to the **Murphysboro Community Christmas Dinner**.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel" arr. Austin Lovelace

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

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: Matthew 1:18-25

L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "The Miracle of Trust"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs 1,3,4)

Hymnal #221

Ritual of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: Carole Arrangements by Charles Callahan

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

11:15 a.m. Praise Service

Opening Singing

Greeting Each Other

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Finke Family

Giving Our Offerings

Songs of Worship

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: "The Miracle of Trust"

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Communion

Sending Forth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Greeters	Wilma Westerfield and Mimi Rice	Candy Watt and Tonya Walker
Liturgist	Adam Barringer	
Organist/Pianist	Judy Little/Micah Mayes	
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
Choir/Music Leader	Bell Choir: Randy Auxier	Brian Vincent
Prayer Request Reader	Wilma Westerfield	Angie Baughman
Acolytes	Drake Rogus and Tyler Doody	
Welcome Hostesses	Julie Peterson and Marilyn Perry	Vern Cline
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Mark Twenhafel	Allen, Emma and Lucas Bigham
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz	Bridget Lewis

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Sherry Lynn Watkins

Stewardship and Attendance for November 30, 2014

Offering (Combined): \$6410.50
Traditional Service: 210; Praise Service: 29; Sunday School: 107
Noisy Mission Offering for November,
to Murphysboro Key Club: \$490.65



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.

**Christmas Poinsettia
and Christmas Memorials**



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 15th**.

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

Donation is \$10 each.

Baking cookies for Christmas? Would you like to make an extra two dozen and donate them for our December Neighbor meal? We'd really appreciate it!



The O.N.T. Team thanks you very much!

Pastor's Mailing Address

When sending mail to Pastor & Teresa Gilbert, please do not use the address listed in the directory, as it is no longer current. Mailing address for Larry & Teresa is:
2575 Edgewood Lane, Carbondale, IL 62901.



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

Last day for Youth to register for A Night In Bethlehem

Monday, December 8, 2014

1:00 pm Nurture & Care in Rm 200C
6:00 pm Mom's Group in Rm 204
7:00 pm AA Big Book in Rm 104N

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Noon Young At Heart in Rm 104N
6:00 pm Cub Scouts in Rms 104N - 109
6:30 pm Praise Team in Sanctuary
6:30 pm Church Council in Rm 104S

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

6:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary
6:00 pm Boy Scouts in Rm 104N
6:30 pm Publicity & Promotions in Rm 321
7:00 pm AA Meeting in Rm 107
7:00 pm AA/AL Meeting in Rm 109

Thursday, December 11, 2014

4:30 pm Girl Scouts in Rm 104N
6:00 pm Disciple II Study in Rm 204

Friday, December 12, 2014

10:00 am Feeder of the Pack in Rm 104S
Noon Staff & Volunteer Meeting & Party in Rm 104N

Saturday, December 13, 2014

9:00 am Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary
10:00 am AA Meeting in Rm 107
4:30 pm Youth to A Night In Bethlehem

We keep an updated CHURCH CALENDAR on our website at www.murphysboroumc.com

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DECEMBER COMPASS IS:
Monday, December 15th**



The Christmas letter was mailed this week. As you prayerfully consider your gift, keep in mind that we will have a special time to receive it during March to the Manger, at both worship services on December 21st. Of course you may return your envelope in the offering plate or to the church office at any time.



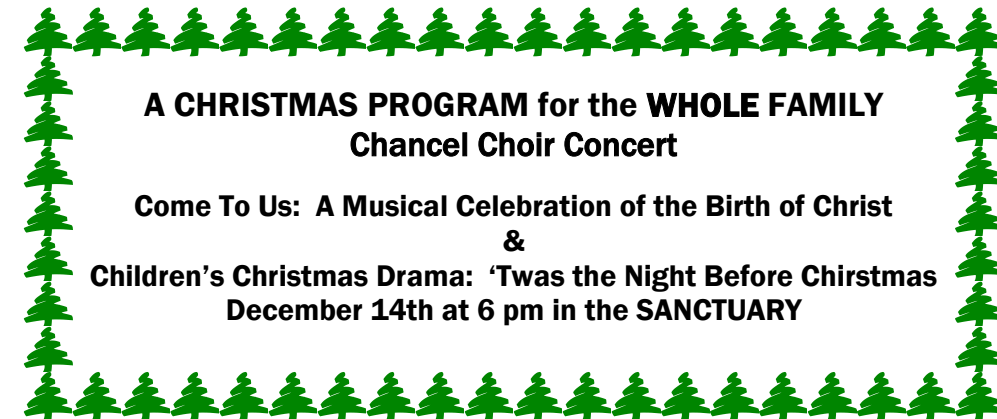
Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up in the next couple of months? Do you remember seeing it listed in the *Compass* newsletter in 2014? If you think we may not have your special days on file, please write them on the Attendance Sheet, and we'll get them on the newsletter calendars!!!

Prayer List

JoAnn Schirmer Kenneth Seibel Dolores McNitt

- ◆ The family and friends of Don Miller, who died this week
- ~ 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
- ~ 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 December is the Murphysboro Community Christmas Dinner
Please include this 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
December 14th at 6 pm in the SANCTUARY**

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 Sunday, 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