

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

December 14, 2014
Third 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: “Chorale” and “Tango” from “Good Christian Men Rejoice” by George Lachenauer

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Hymnal #224

Lighting of the Advent Candle Richard Tierney and Hope Panepinto

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

Invocation

Lord, we pray not for tranquillity, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for thy spirit and thy love, that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ. 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: “Bell Carol” by Heather Sorenson

Reception of New Members

Mary Ellen Brown
Jon Allen Lough
Lou Anne Lough

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: “Noel” by Lee Chapman

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

Hymn: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Hymnal #220

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 2:8-14 and Habakkuk 3:17-18

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “The Miracle of Praise” Angie Baughman

Commitment Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Hymnal #240

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: “Shepherds Enter the Stable” (anon. Nativity Play)
arr. by Joseph Clokey

++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 Ed and Jennifer O'Donnell

Giving Our Offerings

Songs of Worship

Reception of New Members

Harry D. Wirth
Susan J. Wirth

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14 and Habakkuk 3:17-18

Sermon: “The Miracle of Praise” Angie Baughman

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Sending Forth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Greeters	Wilma Westerfield and Mimi Rice	Carolyn Ozburn and Tonya Walker
Liturgist	Vern Cline	
Organist/Pianist	Judy Little/Micah Mayes	
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
Choir/Music Leader	Ricardo King	Lacey Brown
Prayer Request Reader	Kristi Miller	Angie Baughman
Acolytes	Conner Twenhafel and Maggie Jenkins	
Welcome Hostesses	Julie Peterson and Marilyn Perry	Clara Kiser
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Mark Twenhafel	Laurie, Emma and Jacey Nehring
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz	Bridget Lewis

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: J. Russell Vaughn

Stewardship and Attendance for December 7, 2014

Offering (Combined): \$9,979.50
 Traditional Service: 170; Praise Service: 66; Sunday School: 101



Children's Christmas Program TODAY

During the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.



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

**Come To Us: A Musical Celebration of the Birth of Christ
 TONIGHT at 6 pm in the SANCTUARY**

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 an order form found on table at north end of sanctuary and either drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than **TOMORROW, 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 to our December Our Neighbor's Table meal? Please let Clara Kiser know of your willingness to donate: 687-2235 or pontiac@egyptianpontiac.com.



The Our Neighbor's Table Team appreciates your support!!



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

Please mark the attendance pad if you'd like to be contacted, and include your phone number.

2015 Stewardship by the Numbers

Amount Pledged	\$289,526
Number of Giving Units Pledged	74
Average per Unit	\$3,912
Proposed Budget	\$416,792
Salaries, Contractual Staff, and Benefits Approved by Church Council on December 9, 2014	\$231,927

Looking for something?

Looking for a weekly schedule of events? You can find this information on our website at www.murphysboroumc.com under "About MUMC" or on the alternating purple and yellow sheets that are hung throughout the church building and the annex.

The March to the Manger is next week! We will receive your special Christmas gifts to benefit our Neighborhood Fund during both services on December 21. Of course, you may return your envelope in the offering plate or to the church office at any time.



December 28th will be a Sunday that looks back at 2014 ministry moments and looks ahead as Pastor Larry casts a vision for 2015. Join us for a special worship service that will include trivia questions with prizes, video testimonies and a photo collage of 2014 memories. All in attendance will also receive a gift that previews the January 2015 sermon series.

21st ANNUAL MURPHYSBORO COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THE 23rd, 24th, and 25th
Donations of desserts also needed
Call Jennifer at 534-3822 or Ed at 534-4971 to volunteer
Christmas Day, December 25th, Noon-2:00 p.m.
Santa at 1:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Hall-606 Plum Street
(2 blocks south of Walnut & 7th Street)
Free and open to all
Shut-in Deliveries to Elderly & Disabled
Call Jennifer at 534-3822 by 12/19 for shut-in deliveries



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



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
 Hal Baggott

Kenneth Seibel
 Karla Crosby

Dolores McNitt

- ~ 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.



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.

**THIS IS THE LAST EVENING TO VIEW
 THE RICE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

The display will be open from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Location: Garage at 501 Pump House Road in Murphysboro.

From the Worship Committee: Please remember that if you are coordinating an event or activity requiring the distribution of materials, a sign-up, ticket sales, etc., it is important you have people available after both Traditional and Praise Services so that all can be included. Thank you!



I am sure many of you have noticed the beautiful nativity in the front yard of the Annex. This gift was donated to the church by the Rice family just before Bob passed away. Due to terrible weather problems last year we did not get the nativity displayed. We are delighted to have it up for this Christmas season. Thank you, Mimi and Bob, for your generous donation. ~Pastor Larry

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

- TODAY** 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