

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

**December 21, 2014
Fourth 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: "Fanfare" on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" by Robert Hobby
Please begin a quiet time of centering for worship when music begins.

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymnal #230

Lighting of the Advent Candles Margie Stilley, Cody, Jennifer, Harper and Kendall Ellermeier

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

Invocation

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

Hymn: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Hymnal #229

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.**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Sermon: "The Miracle of Revelation" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

March to the Manger Presentation

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings to the Christ Child

Our March to the Manger will include both your Christmas and standard offerings.

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymnal #234

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: "Joy to the World" arr. by Jerry Aultman
++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 Candles Teresa Gilbert, Alex & Josh Baughman

March to the Manger Presentation

Songs of Worship

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "The Miracle of Revelation" 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
Greeters	Bert and Carolyn Ozburn	Susie Karnes and Jan Mandis
Liturgist	Sandy Lanzi	
Organist/Pianist	Judy Little/Micah Mayes	
Worship Leader	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
Choir/Music Leader		Dennis Goforth
Prayer Request Reader	Mary Jane Williams	Angie Baughman
Acolytes	Megan McNitt and Cadence Brown	
Welcome Hostesses	Patti Shields and Laurie Nehring; Kathy Blackwell and Barb Hughes	Sally Moutardier
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Mark Twenhafel	Allen, Emma and Lucas Bigham
Nursery Attendant	Tania Cruz	Tania Cruz
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Miss Anna Wattman		



To everyone who had anything to do with making up and delivering the care package to me for Christmas—A GREAT BIG THANK YOU! It was very much appreciated, and I wish all the church family a very Merry Christmas!

~ Cliff Buchholz

Stewardship and Attendance for December 14, 2014

Offering (Combined): \$6,810.50
Traditional Service: 216; Praise Service: 55; No Sunday School



2014 POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

In Memory of...

Kay & Rick Blackwell and Elmer & Pauline Hughes from Barb & Jim Hughes

Kay Blackwell, Andy Willis, and Walter & Gladys King from Betty King

Our parents Richard Lee, Ingrid & Kay Blackwell and Nellie Kroetz from Everett & Kathy Blackwell

Our parents from Larry & Teresa Gilbert

David Martin from Bill & Glenda Martin

Grandson Kyle A. Trambly from Grandma Lynn & Grandpa Rick Pierson

Robert E. & Ina Williams, George & Ava Hogan, and Mary E. Wiedeman from the Robert Williams Family

Our fathers from Todd & Rene' Doody

Larry Pinkerton and Geraldine Fager from Nancy & Dennis Fager

Our grandparents, aunts and uncles from Nancy & Dennis Fager

William J. Kiel from Betty Kiel, Erin, Megan & William Mileur

The Handley, Jones and Ingram families from Mike & Sharon Jones

L. W. Ward from Mike & Sharon Jones

Reverend Richard & Ethel Giffin from Barbara & Jerry Giffin

Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Mabel Boyle from Barbara & Jerry Giffin

Floyd & Elda Schwebel from Ed & Pat Thraikill & Family and Gene & Sandie Schwebel & Family

Paul & Grace Thraikill from Ed & Pat Thraikill

Glenn & Julia Ozburn from Bert & Carolyn Ozburn

Vernon & Claudia Kupel from their family

John, Kathleen & Melissa Brunkhorst and Jennifer Kerley from Gerald & Kathy Ripley

Dan Watson from Jennifer, London and Asia Watson

Robert Rice from Mimi Rice

Our parents from Carl & Gloria Stoker

In Honor of...

Our children & grandchildren from Larry & Teresa Gilbert

Our mothers from Todd & Rene' Doody

Susan Patterson from the Seekers Class

Mrs. McKinnie from Jennifer, London and Asia Watson

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.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE MINISTRY TEAM:

Please join us next Sunday, December 28th at noon in Room 104 for a scrumptious chicken and dumplings dinner and great fellowship.



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. through December 31, 2014. Location: Garage at 501 Pump House Road in Murphysboro.

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



NEXT SUNDAY 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.

Prayer List

JoAnn Schirmer Hal Baggott Karla Crosby

- ◆ Ann Rashke, family friend of Paula Chapa, who fell and broke her leg. Please include Ann's husband, who has health issues also.
- ◆ Landess Mills, related to health issues.
- ~ 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.



Our church office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, December 24th until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 2nd.

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!



2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available at the back of the sanctuary for your pick up!!

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

- Dec. 28** *Youth Christmas Party at 5:00 pm.
- Jan. 11** *Youth Group Meetings, 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25** *Youth Group Meetings, 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
- *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