

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
 METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**December 28, 2014  
 First Sunday of Christmas  
 2014 Celebration Sunday  
 Christmas—White**

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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:** "Noel in G" by Louis-Claude Daquin

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise:** "The First Noel" (vs 1, 3, 5) Hymnal #245

**Invocation**

**Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, 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**

**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:** "The Three Kings" by Wilbur Held

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

**Hymn:** "Away in a Manger" Hymnal #217

**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:** Isaiah 9:2-7

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "Out of Darkness" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

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**Commitment Hymn:** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymnal #251

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

**Benediction**

**++Postlude:** "Trumpets in Dialogue" by L. N. Clerambault

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

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

**Opening Singing**

**Greeting Each Other**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Giving Our Offerings**

**Songs of Worship**

**Children's Time**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**Sermon:** "Out of Darkness"

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**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**

**Sending Forth**

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
<b>Greeters</b>	Bert and Carolyn Ozburn	Paul and Debbie Chapman
<b>Liturgist</b>	Gaye Auxier	
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Judy Little/Micah Mayes	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Ed O'Donnell eod@edodonnell.com
<b>Choir/Music Leader</b>		Angie Baughman
<b>Prayer Request Reader</b>	Emily Hargraves	Ed O'Donnell
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ben Barringer and Ethan Finke	
<b>Welcome Hostesses</b>	Patti Shields and Laurie Nehring; Kathy Blackwell and Marcia Butler	Scarlett Pierson
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, and Mark Twenhafel	Jay Graff, Olivia Graff, and Nicci Steele
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Tania Cruz	Tania Cruz
<b>The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Mrs. Birdie Ward</b>		

**Stewardship and Attendance for December 21, 2014**

Offering (Combined): \$7,930.00

Traditional Service: 201; Praise Service: 66; Sunday School: 101

**AN INVITATION FROM  
OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE  
MINISTRY TEAM:**

Please join us TODAY at noon in Room 104 for a scrumptious chicken and dumplings dinner and great fellowship.



**NEXT MONTH'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Traditional Service:** Rick Runge, rrunge@frontier.com  
**Praise Service:** Angie Baughman, angie\_baughman@hotmail.com; (01/25) Ed O'Donnell, 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.



**TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR VIEWING  
THE RICE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

Open every evening from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. through December 31st. Location: Garage at 501 Pump House Road in Murphysboro.



**BREAKFAST & Tour at Bigham Farms**  
Saturday, January 10th, 7:30 a.m.  
Meet in Fellowship Hall & ride together

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!**

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



Your church office staff and volunteers thank everyone who contributed to the bulletins and newsletters this past year. We look forward to serving you in 2015!



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

**CHURCH CALENDAR QUESTIONS?**

The church schedule of activities and meetings is available on our website at [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com) under "About MUMC" or on the alternating purple and yellow sheets that are hung throughout the church building and the annex.



**Prayer List**

JoAnn Schirmer Hal Baggott Karla Crosby  
Ann Rashke & her husband Landess Mills

- ~ 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 December is the **Murphysboro Community Christmas Dinner**  
Prayer Emphasis for January is the **SIU Wesley Foundation Honduras Trip**  
Please include these in your daily prayers.



**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

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

**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!



**YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR**

- TODAY** \*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