

Welcome to the  
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



*See You on the Trail!*

**November 15, 2015**

**25th Sunday After Pentecost  
Ordinary Time—Green**

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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, prior to the pastor's message.

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:** “Spirit of the Living God” Hymnal #393

**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:** “Prélude” by César Franck

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

**Light of Christ Enters**

**++Hymn of Praise:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (vs 1,2,3)  
Hymnal #103

**++Invocation**

**God our parent, we come to you as children. Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes, hear one another with new hearts, and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**

**++Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting**

**Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers**

**Chancel Choir:** “Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him” by Frances Williams

**Children's Moments**

*As the children come down, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in November will go to Murphysboro Key Club.*

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** “If My Verses Had Wings” by Reynaldo Hahn

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

**Hymn:** “Jesus Calls Us” (vs 1,2,3) Hymnal #398

**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:** II Corinthians 9:6-9

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

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** “Taking a Step” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**Commitment Hymn:** “We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder” (vs 1,2,4)  
Hymnal #418

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

**Benediction**

**++Postlude:** “Allegro pomposo” from ‘Praise Ye the Lord’ by Camille Saint-Saëns

**++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**

**Children's Time**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Songs of Worship**

**Scripture Reading:** II Corinthians 9:6-9

**Sermon:** “Taking a Step”

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

**Closing Song**

**Sending Forth**

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Liturgist	Mason Schingel	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Choo	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Dennis Goforth
Prayer Request Reader	Lou Ann Lough	Kristi Miller
Acolytes	Tiara Bradford and Conner Twenhafel	
Welcome Hostesses	Kay Bozarth and Kathy Bratton	
Ushers	Todd Doody, Kyle Hargraves, Jennifer Watson, Lowell Heller, John Erbes and Shannon Green	Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham
Children's Church Volunteers	Lacey Brown and Rene' Doody	Jennie and Ben Snyder
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: J. Russell Vaughn		

Stewardship and Attendance for November 8, 2015  
Traditional Service: 180; Praise Service: 53; Sunday School: 112  
Offering: \$3,970.50

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE DECEMBER 13TH MIMI RICE NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE AT 501 PUMP HOUSE RD., MURPHYSBORO, 1-4 P.M. COOKIES AND PUNCH WILL BE SERVED. OVER 400 NATIVITIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY. THE GARAGE DISPLAY CONTINUES NIGHTLY THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 6:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.**



### Spirit of Christmas

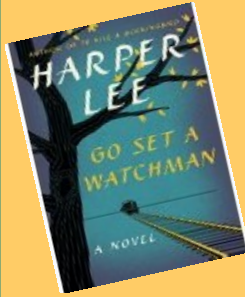
For a number of years our congregation has participated in the Southern Illinois *Spirit of Christmas* project. Once again, we can help our less fortunate neighbors have a more joyous Christmas. See Gaye Auxier in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** after the Praise Worship Service.

The church provides meat and drinks. Bring a side dish of vegetables, salad or dessert. Please come and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship!



### SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

November 21st, 10:15 a.m., Library Rm. 110

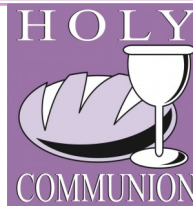


Featuring many of the iconic characters from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman* perfectly captures a young woman, and a world, in a painful yet necessary transition out of the illusions of the past—a journey that can be guided only by one's conscience. Book club will not meet in December.

On January 16th members will share a book of their own choosing.

### INTERESTED IN HELPING SERVE COMMUNION IN 2016??

New Communion Stewards are needed to SERVE communion during the worship services. This is separate from the communion prep teams we currently have. Teams will be formed for each service, traditional and praise. Training will be provided. *For more information please check the 'Interested in Helping Serve Communion' box on the Registration & Attendance sheet.*



### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS



Three different devotional booklets will be available for Advent this year. One has activities for young children, one was designed for teens and young adults, and one is for older adults. Devotional booklets will be available during the month of November on the library table in the upstairs hallway, and in the foyer at 15th and Pine.

### Advent Sermon Series: "Christmas To Me Is..."

Would you like Jesus to be the focus of your Christmas? Be encouraged this Advent as Pastor Larry retells the stories of Christ's birth and helps us realize how we can draw closer to the Savior during this busy time of year.



First Sunday of Advent November 29th	"Christmas To Me Is...Hope" through the shepherds who kept watch
Second Sunday of Advent December 6	"Christmas To Me Is...Faith" through Joseph and Mary who had no room
Third Sunday of Advent December 13	"Christmas To Me Is...Me" through Herod who sought to kill the child
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20	"Christmas To Me Is...Love" through God who sent the Savior and featuring our March to the Manger service
Candlelight Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.	"Christmas To Me Is...Joy!" through Elizabeth who was filled with the Holy Spirit



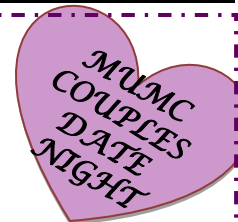
### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

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

### Date Night- not JUST for couples!

Patti's 1880's Settlement-Grand Rivers, KY  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

The bus will leave from church at 1:15 pm. Please indicate your intent to participate by checking the 'Date Night' box on the Registration and Attendance Sheet. First come, first served: maximum 22 people.



SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Group Breakfast  
Sunday, December 6th

### Prayer List

Katherine Twenhafel

- ◆ Sandy Lanzi, for surgery planned for 11/16.
- ~ 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.**  
Please include this in your daily prayers.

### PLENTY OF STICKY BOARD OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN!!!



Please consider supporting the senior high youth group's first international mission trip to Belize by visiting the Belize Sticky Board just outside the Fellowship Hall. Choose a sticky note with the amount you would like to donate, write a check to MUMC and give the check to Stephanie Finke, Laurie Nehring or submit to the church office. We ask for you to keep this group in your prayers as they not only prepare financially, but most importantly, spiritually. Isaiah 6:8 reads: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me." The youth group and sponsors sincerely thank those who have already made a donation.

**TOILET TURMOIL** began on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We are charging \$5 per day or \$20 per week to have the toilet put in someone's yard. Don't want it in your yard? Never fear! We have insurance available for \$10. Unfortunately, if someone pays for the toilet before you pay for your insurance you are still going to receive it. Pick up a toilet request form or a toilet insurance form from the youth bulletin board or contact Emily Finke 618-967-0866 or Emma Nehring 618-534-9727.



### YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

- Nov. 22** \*Youth Group Meets, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12** \*A Night in Bethlehem, Murdale Baptist Church (Watch for details in upcoming bulletins!)
- Dec. 13** \*Youth Christmas Party
- \*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.



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DECEMBER COMPASS IS: TOMORROW, NOV. 16th