

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

**November 29, 2015
First 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, 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: "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: "Variation on 'O Come Ye Faithful'" by Edward Mack

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymnal #196

++Invocation

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Carolyn and Bert Ozburn

Congregation Response:

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

++Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Georgian chant arr by Parker and Shaw

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: "Toccata" by Johann Pachelbel

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

Hymn: "The First Noel" (vs 1,2,4) Hymnal #245

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

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

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Christmas to Me Is ... Hope" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

++Commitment Hymn: "What Child Is This" Hymnal #219

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard On High" arr by Chrystal Chau

++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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Lacey, Troy, Allison and Cadence Brown

Songs of Worship

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Sermon: "Christmas to Me Is ... Hope" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Closing Song

Sending Forth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Liturgist	Mary Jane Williams	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Choo	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Lacey Brown
Prayer Request Reader	Nancy Fager	Kristi Miller
Acolytes	Ben Barringer and Ali Bradford	
Welcome Hostesses	Marcia Butler and Barb Hughes	
Ushers	Todd Doody, Kyle Hargraves, Jennifer Watson, Lowell Heller, John Erbes and Shannon Green	Paul Chapman and Allen Bigham
Children's Church Volunteers	Diane Schingel	Patty Thraikill and Theresa Mills
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale

The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Mrs. Birdie Ward



Next Month's Worship Leaders

Traditional Service: Mike Dreith
Praise Service: Dec. 6, 13, 20—Angie Baughman
and Emily Finke; Dec. 27—Emily Finke

Items for announcement by worship leaders should be emailed to: mumcministries@gmail.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.

Stewardship and Attendance for November 22, 2015
 Traditional Service: 197; Praise Service: 50; Sunday School: 126
 Offering: \$4,530.00

AN INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE MINISTRY TEAM:

Please join us **TODAY** at noon in the Fellowship Hall Room 104 for a scrumptious dinner and great fellowship.




BREAKFAST
 Saturday, December 5, 7:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall Rm 104N

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!
 We will be finalizing plans for the Dec. 6th Men's Banquet.
Please check the UMM Breakfast box on the Registration & Attendance Sheet if you plan on attending.




Six of our high school youth are taking a leap of faith next summer by going on a mission trip to Belize. You can support their efforts by enjoying a yummy biscuits and gravy breakfast on **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th following Sunday School until 1:00 p.m.** Breakfast is by donation.




ANNUAL BANQUET
 Next Sunday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall Rm 104N

The guest speaker will be **MIKE RUDE**, former Vienna-Goreville High School football coach and current Morthland College football coach and athletic director. Come and hear Coach Rude speak on how his faith has helped in both his playing and coaching careers. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Bob Eaton, Jay Graff, or church office.

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.



friends, fellowship, faith.

**Tuesday, December 8th
 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
 12:00 pm NOON
 Fellowship Hall Rm 104N**

Menu: Ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, peas, Ambrosia salad, and bread. Everyone bring a dessert to share. Meals are \$5.00.

Vergie Parrish will lead us in singing Christmas carols



Please sign up on the attendance pad. If plans change and you cannot attend, please contact the church office by the Monday before. Otherwise YAH members must pay for the meal that was ordered for you. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS Pajama Party!



Enjoy your Christmas shopping while your kiddos enjoy a Christmas Pajama Party on December 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Rm 104N). \$25.00 covers crafts, games, lunch and more. Sign up sheets are located on the youth bulletin board and must be submitted by December 7th. This fun event serves as a fundraiser for the youth group's mission trip to Belize.

The March to the Manger Live Nativity will be held in both worship services on Sunday, December 20th. This act of worship will give us the opportunity to focus on the story of Christ's birth and to share our gift for the Christmas offering.



DECEMBER 20th—Both Services

Prayer List

Earl and Sandra Renshaw
 Julie and Jim Peterson

Sandy Lanzi
 Katherine Twenhafel

- ~ 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 November is Murphysboro Key Club.
 Prayer Emphasis for December is Community Christmas Dinner.**
 Please include these emphases in your daily prayers.



Don't miss our Children's Christmas Program,
"Is It Really Christmas?"
 Sunday, December 20th during Sunday School.
 Congregation invited to attend.



Spirit of Christmas gifts should be returned to the church on or before **next Sun., Dec. 6th**. Please follow instructions provided. Gaye Auxier is the contact person for Spirit of Christmas.



Christmas wreaths for shut-ins are also due back to the church **next Sun., Dec. 6th**. Lynn Pierson is the contact person for shut-in wreaths.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Dec. 12 *A Night in Bethlehem
 5:00 p.m.—Vans depart MUMC parking lot
 5:30 p.m.—Dinner
 6:00 p.m.—A Night in Bethlehem
 Murdale Baptist Church
 7:30 p.m.—Vans return to MUMC parking lot
 Register with your youth group leader **by Sunday, December 6th**. Bring a friend (permission slip is required). Cost is \$2.00.

Dec. 13 *Youth Christmas Party
Dec. 27 No meeting.

*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.