

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

November 22, 2015—26th Sunday After Pentecost
Ordinary Time—Green
Thanksgiving Sunday

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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: “Surely the Presence of the Lord” Hymnal #328

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.

Bell Choir: “Count Your Blessings” by Edwin O. Excell, arr by Patricia Cota

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vs 1,2,4)
Hymnal #694

++Invocation

L: Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease.

P: We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need.

L: We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth.

ALL: And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.

++Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir: “Thanks Be to God” by Dickson and O'Reilly

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: ‘Linden Lea’ by R. Vaughan Williams

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

Hymn: “We Gather Together” Hymnal #131

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 17:11-18 and Matthew 5:44-45

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

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: “Which One Are You?” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Commitment Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God” Hymnal #102

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: ‘Festival Te Deum’ by R. Vaughan Williams

++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: Luke 17:11-18 and Matthew 5:44-45

Sermon: “Which One Are You?” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Closing Song

Sending Forth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Liturgist	Emily Finke	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Choo	
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Angie Baughman
Prayer Request Reader	Stephanie Finke	Kristi Miller
Acolytes	Ethan Finke and Drake Rogus	
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	Scarlett and Rick Pierson
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Miss Anna Wattman		

Stewardship and Attendance for November 15, 2015
Traditional Service: 188; Praise Service: 55; Sunday School: 139
Offering: \$4,093.00

The white rose on the altar today is in memory of Harry Ray who passed away on Saturday, November 14th.



AN INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE MINISTRY TEAM:

Please join us **NEXT SUNDAY** 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 **Sunday, December 6th following Sunday School until 1:00 p.m.** Breakfast is by donation.



Blessings:

First of all, I would like to thank the members of the church who sponsored me on the Little Egypt 49th Walk to Emmaus—one of the highlights of my life.

Also, thanks to all the members who had anything to do with the nearly 60 cards, letters, and notes of encouragement, inspiration and congratulations. What a humble feeling and something I will never forget.

Thank you all, and God bless you. ~Cliff Buchholz

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



ANNUAL BANQUET

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 career. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Bob Eaton, Jay Graff, or church office.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

Our Neighbor's Table team is requesting desserts of pumpkin bars and apple crisp for the Nov. 29th meal. Please notify Vern Cline at 303-2336 of your intention to provide one or the other. Thanks.



Prayer List

Earl and Sandra Renshaw for health concerns
Julie and Jim Peterson for health concerns

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.
Please include this in your daily prayers.



Help support our MUMC Youth Group's mission trip to Belize by purchasing their 2016 Belize Mission Trip T-shirt. T-shirt order forms can be found in the manila folder on the youth bulletin board downstairs. Completed forms should be submitted to the church office or to Laurie Nehring **by Saturday, November 28th.**

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

TODAY
Dec. 12

*Youth Group Meets, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
*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
Dec. 27

*Youth Christmas Party
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.