

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent
Advent—Blue

1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro IL 62966
Phone: (618) 687-2317 Fax: (618) 687-2604
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Pastor Gilbert's cell phone: (618) 201-2658

Pastor & Teresa Gilbert's mailing address: 2575 Edgewood Lane, Carbondale, IL 62901

Email: murphysboroumc@frontier.com

Website: <http://www.murphysboroumc.com>

“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: “A Rose Bursts Forth” by Karl Deigendesch

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hymnal #211

++Invocation

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Terrin, Michelle and Mila Thies

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: "If You Would Hear the Angels Sing" by David Williams; solo by Jackie Blackburn

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 **Community Christmas Dinner**.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “The Shepherds” by T. Salome, arr. by W. Carl

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

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: Matthew 1:18-25

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

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: “Christmas to Me Is ... Faith” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Ritual of Holy Communion

++Communion Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Hymnal #240

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: A selection from “Romanian Christmas Carols” by Béla Bartók

++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: Brant, Amanda, Logan and Abigail Wingerter

Songs of Worship

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: “Christmas to Me Is ... Faith” Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

Communion

Sending Forth

| TODAY'S WORSHIP | TRADITIONAL SERVICE | PRAISE SERVICE |
|---|--|--|
| Liturgist | Lou Anne Lough | |
| Organist/Pianist | Jenny Choo | |
| Worship Leader | Mike Dreith mumcministries@gmail.com | Angie Baughman/Emily Finke mumcministries@gmail.com |
| Music Leader | Joseph Ryker | Brian Vincent |
| Prayer Request Reader | Gene Schwebel | Angie Baughman/Emily Finke |
| Acolytes | Megan McNitt and Tiara Bradford | |
| Welcome Hostesses | Susan Patterson and Thelma Pierson | |
| Ushers | Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Mark Twenhafel | Matt Baughman and Don Abbadusky |
| Children's Church Volunteers | Tonya Walker | Katie Schwebel and Katrina Carnes |
| Nursery Attendant | Caitlyn Boyd | Megan Gale |
| The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Ruth Schrader Walker | | |

Stewardship and Attendance for November 29, 2015
Traditional Service: 173; Praise Service: 48; Sunday School: 106
Offering: \$5,280.00
November Money for Missions Designated to Murphysboro Key Club: \$439.73

HAPPENING TODAY

belize
BREAKFAST
TODAY

following Sunday School
until 1:00 p.m. Breakfast is
by donation.

Date Night
Patti's 1880's
Settlement,
Grand Rivers, KY

The bus will leave from the
church at 1:15 pm **TODAY**.
Must already be registered.

MUMC
COUPLES
DATE
NIGHT



ANNUAL BANQUET
TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall Rm 104N

There is still time to get your ticket for this evening's banquet!
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,
or Jay Graff. Jay will be available **before and after both**
services!



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

friends, fellowship, faith.

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

**Revision: Donnie Falknor will be
performing Christmas songs**



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 ordered for you. Thanks.

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

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.

Christmas Eve

Our Christmas Eve services will include the
lighting of the Advent wreath, the reading
of the Christmas story, the celebration of
Holy Communion and the passing of the
Light of Christ throughout the
congregation.



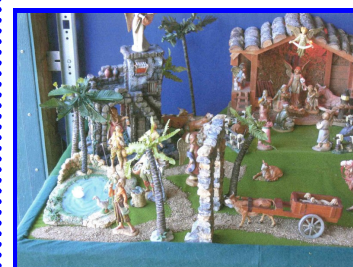
5:00 p.m. Service—Featuring the music of the MUMC Praise Team
7:00 p.m. Service—Featuring the music of the MUMC Handbell Choir



Remember to place your order for Christmas poinsettias
by December 14th to honor and/or memorialize
your friends and loved ones!

We would like to apologize to the Ellermeyer
family for printing the wrong child's name in the
Compass. The *Compass* welcome should have
read:

WELCOME: Jennifer and Cody Ellermeyer
and children Harper and Kendall



RICE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE

Make plans to attend the Rice
Christmas Nativity Open House at
501 Pump House Rd., Murphysboro,
next Sunday, December 13th, 1-4 p.m.
Cookies and punch will be served. Over

400 nativities will be on display. The garage display continues nightly,
December 14th through December 31st, 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Prayer List

Earl and Sandra Renshaw
Julie and Jim Peterson

Sandy Lanzi
Katherine Twenhafel

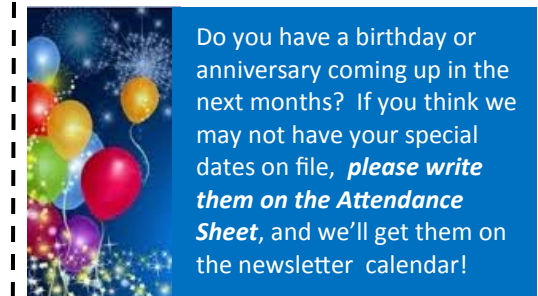
- ~ If you would like to place or remove someone on the prayer list,
please call the church office at 687-2317 or send an email to
murphysboroumc@frontier.com
- ~ Names will be published in the bulletin for 4 weeks. Please
contact the office if you want a name to run longer.
- ~ Copies of the long-term and ongoing prayer list are on the bulletin
table for those who wish a copy for their prayer time at home.

Prayer Emphasis for December is Community Christmas Dinner.
Please include this emphasis 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.



Do you have a birthday or
anniversary coming up in the
next months? If you think we
may not have your special
dates on file, **please write**
them on the Attendance
Sheet, and we'll get them on
the newsletter calendar!

TOILET TURMOIL ANYONE?

\$5 per day or \$20 per week
to have the toilet put in some-
one's yard. Insurance available
for \$10. Forms at youth bulletin
board or contact Emily Finke 967-0866
or Emma Nehring 534-9727.



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
The deadline for registering with your youth group leader
is **TODAY!** 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.