

Welcome to the
**MURPHYSBORO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



See You on the Trail!

December 27, 2015—First Sunday of Christmas
2015 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, 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: "Cradle Song" from 'Christmas Oratorio' by J. S. Bach

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

Light of Christ Enters

++Hymn of Praise: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Hymnal #251

++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

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

*Please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in December will go to **Community Christmas Dinner.***

Bell Choir: "He Is Born" arr. by Sandra Eithun

Youth Skit

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Praise be to You, Jesus Christ" from 'Christmas Oratorio' by J. S. Bach

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

Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (vs 1,3,4) Hymnal #218

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 2:25-32

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

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "God is Faithful" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert.

Video Celebration of 2015

Burning of the Mortgage

Commitment Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal #140

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

++Postlude: "Final Choral" from "Christmas Oratorio" by J. S. Bach

++Congregation is invited to stand as you are able

11:15 a.m. Praise Service

Opening Singing

Greeting Each Other

Welcome and Announcements

Senior High Youth Skit

Giving Our Offerings

Children's Time

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Songs of Worship

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-32

Sermon: "God is Faithful" Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

2015 Year in Review Video

Mortgage Burning

Closing Song

Sending Forth

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	PRAISE SERVICE
Liturgist	Ron Kiser	
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Choo	
Worship Leader	Mike Dreith mumcministries@gmail.com	Emily Finke mumcministries@gmail.com
Music Leader	Joseph Ryker	Angie Baughman
Prayer Request Reader	Stephanie Finke	Emily Finke
Acolytes	Ethan Finke and Ali Bradford	
Welcome Hostesses	Patti Shields and Terri Yates	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Matt Baughman and Don Abbadusky
Children's Church Volunteers	Diane Schingel	Patty Thrailkill and Theresa Mills
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Lenore Pigott Wells		

Stewardship and Attendance for December 20, 2015
Traditional Service: 279; Praise Service: 76; Sunday School: 18
Offering: \$7,052.00



Our Neighbor's Table Team cordially invites
YOU to their monthly fellowship meal
TODAY
at noon in Room 104

During the Sundays in January, Pastor Larry will revisit the concept of our spiritual journey being like a walk on a trail. Where are you on the trail? Is it time to move further along? Come and hear God's calling on your life to draw closer to Him.

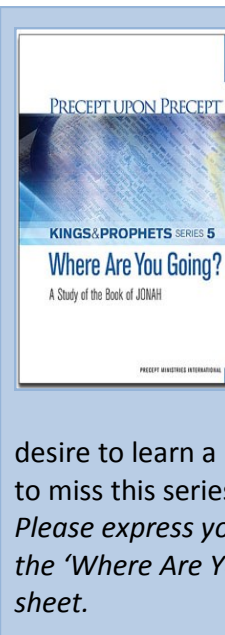


NEXT SUNDAY - Covenant Sunday (with Holy Communion)
Sun., Jan. 10 - Our Prayers
Sun., Jan. 17 - Our Presence
Sun., Jan. 24 - Our Gifts
Sun., Jan. 31 - Our Service (with Holy Communion)

POWERHOUSE: Starts next Sunday!
Room 204 at 10:10 a.m.

THE WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT

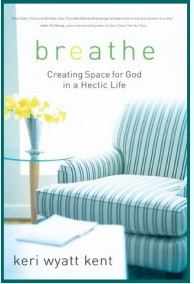
This new Faithful Friends Sunday School study will feature Francis Chan sermons that speak to the nature and work of the Holy Spirit—how He convicts, leads and empowers our lives. Women of all ages welcome to attend this month-of-January series facilitated by Nancy Vallino.

Where Are You Going?
A Precept Study of the book of Jonah
Sundays, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Room 107
January 10, 17 and 24
Angie Baughman, leader

Have you ever tried to run away from God? Can a mere man hide from the presence of an all-knowing, all-powerful God? God used a reluctant prophet to tell an evil city of his compassion for them. Those individuals who desire to learn a more significant way to study the Bible will not want to miss this series! Books cost \$4.50, and child care will be provided. Please express your interest in participating in this study by checking the 'Where Are You Going?' box on the Registration and Attendance sheet.

MOM'S GROUP BOOK STUDY
Breathe: Creating Space for God in a Hectic Life
by Keri Wyatt Kent



Tuesdays, January 19 - March 22nd, 6 - 8 pm
Room 204, led by Jamie Green

Learn to focus on what is important and how to make space for God when you barely have time to "Breathe!" Multitasking is becoming the norm for many women who consistently find themselves trying to juggle kids, errands, church activities, jobs and relationships. For women who have become caught up in the hectic pace of everyday life, this book from MOPS author, Keri Wyatt Kent, offers help and hope. Each person is responsible for purchasing her own book. Childcare will be provided.



JANUARY 12th
HAPPY NEW YEAR
12:00 pm NOON
Fellowship Hall - Room 104

friends, fellowship, faith.

Menu: Ham & beans with onion, cole slaw, spinach w/vinegar, corn bread, and brownies. **Meals are \$5 a plate.**

Dr. Juliane Wallace, SIUC Assoc. Prof. of Kinesiology, who teaches Physical Activity and Exercise for Older Adults, and serves as the chairperson for the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology Advisory Board, will speak about Senior Health & Wellness in the New Year.

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.



POSITION OPENINGS
Murphysboro United Methodist Church

Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator—10 hours per week
Responsibilities: Coordinate and assist with discipleship ministries for children and youth of all ages.

Technology Coordinator—8 hours per week
Responsibilities: Coordinate and provide assistance and support in the areas of technology ministries for worship services, small group activities and special events.

For complete position descriptions and qualifications, visit www.murphysboroumc.com or call the church office at 618-687-2317. To apply, send a resume to Staff Parish Relations Committee, 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

[The Rice Nativity Garage Display](#) continues nightly through December 31st, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., 501 Pump House Road, Murphysboro

Prayer List

Earl & Sandra Renshaw Prince Alexander
Jim Peterson Katherine & Martin 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.
Prayer Emphasis for January is Wesley Foundation
Please include these in your daily prayers.

**OPENINGS AVAILABLE IN TWO CLASSROOMS:
2ND & 3RD GRADE AND SENIOR HIGH.**


Please consider becoming a part of this vital ministry. Mark your interest on the attendance pad to receive more information.


Next Month's Worship Leaders

Traditional Service: Rick Runge
Praise Service: Kristi Miller

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.



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



BELIZE T-SHIRT SALE
The opportunity to purchase a Belize mission trip t-shirt concludes **TODAY**. If you would like a shirt, please sign your name on the t-shirt list on the youth bulletin board.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Dec. 27 No meeting today.
Jan. 10 *Youth Groups Meet, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Jan. 24 *Youth Groups Meet, 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.