

**WELCOME**

**CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES**

**MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**December 17, 2017 • Third Sunday of Advent**

**Advent • Blue**

**March to the Manger Program**

SERMON SERIES  
DEC 3 - 24

# CHOSEN BY GOD

Discover how God uses the unlikely  
and unexpected to write His story.



**The mission of our church is to make disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

**Introit:** “Concerto VII—Allegro” by Antonio Vivaldi; ensemble: Joel Kirby, Jenny Kirby, and Kristin Demos

### Call to Worship

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

**Congregational Chorus:** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Hymnal #240

### 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:** “Bristol” by Malcolm Archer

### Light of Christ Enters

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

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” (vs 1,3,4)

Hymnal #218

**\*\*Invocation**

Please See Projection

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Congregation Response

**\*\*Time of Christian Fellowship and Greeting**

### Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

*As the ushers collect the prayer cards, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets in the pews. The noisy mission offering in December will go to **Community Christmas Dinner.***

**Chancel Choir:** “Run, Shepherds!” by Victor C. Johnson

### Offering of Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

### The Lord’s Prayer

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:5 and Ruth 2:11-12

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** “A Place of Refuge”

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

### March to the Manger Program

**\*\*Commitment Hymn:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal #234

### Taking the Light of Christ into the World

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude:** “Concerto VII—Allegro” by Antonio Vivaldi; ensemble: Joel Kirby, Jenny Kirby, and Kristin Demos

**\*\*Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

# PRAISE SERVICE

11:15AM

Opening Singing  
Greeting Each Other  
Welcome and Announcements  
Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Songs of Worship  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:5 and Ruth 2:11-12  
Sermon: "A Place of Refuge"  
March to the Manger Program  
Closing Song  
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joel Kirby	Brian Vincent
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby	
Worship Leader	Jon Lough mumcministries@gmail.com	Allison Vandenberg mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Landrie Green and Harper Geis	
Prayer Request Reader	Gaye Auxier	Allison Vandenberg
Liturgist	Mary Slider	
Welcome Hostesses	Thelma Pierson and Terri Yates	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky
Children's Church Volunteers	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Megan Gale
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Leonard Bartnek		

## **ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 10, 2017**

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Traditional Service: 170; Praise Service: 53; and DeSoto: 20/ Sunday School: 42

Offering: \$4,517.85

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

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The white rose on the altar today celebrates the life of Gary Hall, who passed away on Sunday, December 10th. Gary was the Brother and Brother-in-Law of Cheryl & Roger Smith.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET**

#### **\*INTERESTED IN DOING SOME OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CAROLING?**

Richard Tierney is seeking carolers for Tues., Dec. 19th and Thurs., Dec. 21st, 6 PM, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Murphysboro. Children through seniors are invited to participate. Questions? Richard can be reached at 684-8847 or menrt@frontier.com.

**A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE IS SCHEDULED FOR TH., DEC. 21, 6:00 PM AT THE DESOTO UMC.** Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and any number of other human situations make the holiday season painful for many people in our congregations and communities. This service will include music, words of encouragement, a candle lighting ceremony, and a time of fellowship. Through this service our desire is to share the love of Christ with our hurting brothers and sisters so that they may feel comfort in their pain and hope for the future.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT DESOTO ON CHRISTMAS EVE.**

**\*THE 24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER IS SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY, 11 AM—1:30 PM AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL.** Last year almost 400 people were served. Dinner organizers are requesting your help with desserts. You may make your favorite non-dairy dessert and drop it off at the KC Hall on Sun., Dec. 24th. \*Please mark the attendance pad if you intend to prepare a dessert for this dinner.

**\*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE 24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER.** Work days to decorate, shop, and organize will be Dec. 23rd, 24th, and, of course, to serve the meal on December 25th. \*If you would like to help on any of these dates, please mark the attendance pad and someone will be in touch with more details. Thanks for your support of this community outreach event.

**THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY COMPASS.** January calendars will be available at the back of the sanctuary at the end of this month.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (cont) \*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

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- \*AN EPIPHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY WRITTEN AND TAUGHT BY ANGIE BAUGHMAN WILL BE OFFERED ON SUNDAYS, JAN. 7—FEB. 4 DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.** This study is titled *A Journey Worth Taking*, and the content will focus on the significance of the gifts the wise men brought to Jesus. Books will be distributed at the first session and will cost \$10. Adults and teens are invited to participate. Angie Baughman is the contact for this study, 201-0139.
- \*A PRECEPT STUDY ON ACTS WILL BE OFFERED ON TUESDAYS, JAN. 9—MAR. 6, 9:00—10:30 AM, RM 202.** Join instructor, Angie Baughman, and ladies from different churches and backgrounds for a study on Acts. In this book, we will stand in awe of the power of God and be encouraged by Faithful servants who held to truth in a dark world.
- \*ARE YOU READY FOR A NIGHT OF FUN?** If so, join us for our Chili Cook-off and Variety Show on January 14th, 5:00—7:00 PM! The Chili Cook-off is open to all interested people. A \$5 entry fee is due the day of the event, but **sign-up in advance to participate in the cook-off using the attendance pad**. You be the judge of the Chili Champ by monetary donations. A variety show featuring members of our congregation will immediately follow the chili cook-off. All proceeds will go to MUMC Youth Groups and their spiritual development.
- DO YOU LOVE TO SING?** Chancel Choir is always looking for new members, both seasonal only and permanent. Please contact Joel Kirby, Choir Director, jpktpt@gmail.com or 816-225-9020.
- THE 2017 MHS MADRIGAL ROYAL COURT EXTENDS THANKS TO THE CONGREGATION FOR THE GENEROUS LOVE OFFERING** which followed their singing at the All Church Thanksgiving Potluck. The love offering will be used to help

## **ANTICIPATED JOB OPENING**

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**DISCIPLESHIP COORDINATOR—MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.** An opening for a Discipleship Coordinator, approximately 20 hours/week, is anticipated early 2018. Job responsibilities: coordinate and lead discipleship ministries for participants of all ages; lead and/or assist in launching new ministries in the life of the church; assist pastor with development of semi-annual leadership retreats; and supervise and mentor program and ministry staff. A comprehensive list of qualifications is available on our website: [murphysboro.crossandflameministries.com](http://murphysboro.crossandflameministries.com). A letter of interest and resume may be sent to SPRC Chair, Murphysboro United Methodist Church, 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966 or email to [nancy.vallino@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.vallino@yahoo.com).

## HOW DO I CONNECT?

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### Would you like to connect with other adults?

- Saturday Morning Book Club/Emily Hargraves, 559-0329, ehargraves88@gmail.com
- United Methodist Men/Jay Graff, 967-9848, jgraff4@yahoo.com
- Women's Ministry/Rosie Wece, 559-8167, rwece50@gmail.com
- Young at Heart/Michelle Parker-Clark, 922-3587, mpclark@siu.edu

### Do you have young children?

- Children's Church/Emily Hargraves, 559-0329, ehargraves88@gmail.com
- Nursery/Jamie Green, 201-3355, jaybegirlo2@yahoo.com
- Children's Youth Fellowship: 3rd-5th grades; Junior Youth Fellowship: 6th-8th grades; and Senior High Youth Fellowship: 9th-12th grades/Lacey Brown, 687-2317, mumcministries@gmail.com or Sage Lintner, 687-2317, mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com
- Acolytes: children ages 8-11 (3rd-6th grades)/Mary Jane Williams, 412-0008, mjwilliams1121@gmail.com

### Do you enjoy music and like to be involved in music ministry?

- Chancel Choir/Sharon Jones, 303-2489, sharonjones1948@gmail.com; or Joel Kirby, 816-225-9020, jpktp@gmail.com
- Hand Bell Choir/Randy Auxier, 565-1238
- Praise Team/Lacey Brown, 525-5106, mumcministries@gmail.com

### Do you like to help those in need?

- Our Neighbor's Table, free meal to the community, last Sunday of every month/Jennifer O'Donnell, 534-3822 or Rindy Eisenhauer, 967-1380

### Do you want to add a prayer request to the MUMC Email Prayer Chain?

- Contact Mary Ellen Tierney at 684-8847 or send an email to mumcprayerchain@yahoo.com.

The above ministries are just a sampling of the scores of ministries offered at MUMC. For a complete listing of ministries and ways to connect with those ministries, please pick up a 2017 Ministry Guide from the Welcome Center, the foyer at 15th and Pine, wall racks throughout the church, or the church office.

*"... like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

*1 Peter 4:10*

## 2017 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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### MURPHYSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### **Dec 24th Sunday Morning Service\***

Single combined service at 9:45 am

No Sunday School classes before or after service

No Children's Church

*\*includes communion*

#### **Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services\***

**5 pm Service** - *Music provided by Praise Team*

**7 pm Service** - *Music provided by organ and special music by Handbell Choir*

*\*includes communion at both services*

### DESOTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**No Christmas Eve Services**

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## PRAYER LIST

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Lee and Alberta Sullivan  
Earl and Sandra Renshaw  
Family of Mike Mayfield

Gary Wece  
Carol Russell  
Katherine Twenhafel

JoAnn Schirmer

- ◆ The family of Barb Tullis.
- ◆ Carmilee Donahue - recovering for injury in St. Joseph's Hospital.
- ~ 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@gmail.com](mailto:murphysboroumc@gmail.com)
- ~ Names will be published in the bulletin for 4 weeks. Please contact the office if you want a name to run longer.

**Prayer Emphasis for December is Community Christmas Dinner.**

## **NEW HERE?**

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**WELCOME** to Murphysboro United Methodist Church! We're so glad you came to worship with us and want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

**VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME?** Help us get to know you!

- Please fill out the visitor card located in the card holder in the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.
- Stop by the Welcome Center following 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!

### **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.

**LOOKING TO BECOME A MEMBER?** Approximately once per quarter, Pastor Larry offers an informational meeting for those interested in learning more about the process to become a member of MUMC. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

## **CONTACT INFO, MEDIA & OTHER RESOURCES**

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**CONTACT US:** 618-687-2317 **ADDRESS:** 1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966

**OFFICE HOURS:** M-Th 9:00 am—2:00 pm; F 9:00 am—noon

**EMAIL:** [murphysboroumc@gmail.com](mailto:murphysboroumc@gmail.com)

**PASTOR GILBERT'S CELL PHONE:** 618-201-2658

**PASTOR & TERESA GILBERT'S MAILING ADDRESS:** 2575 Edgewood Lane  
Carbondale, IL 62901

**WEBSITE:** [www.crossandflameministries.com](http://www.crossandflameministries.com)  [facebook.com/murphysboroumc](https://facebook.com/murphysboroumc)

**SERMON BROADCAST** on  or find link at [www.murphysboroumc.com](http://www.murphysboroumc.com)

**CHURCH LIBRARY:** Room 110

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY:** 16th St. N of parking lot exit

**WEEKLY ROOM CALENDAR:** Outside every meeting room and inside west doors.

Please contact church office to reserve a room.