

WELCOME

CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

December 24, 2017 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent • Blue

Communion Service

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.**

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

9:45AM

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 by Handbell Choir: "Christmas Exaltation" by Michael E. Akers

Light of Christ Enters

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

****Hymn of Praise:** "The First Noel" (vs 1,2,5)

Hymnal #245

****Invocation**

Please See Projection

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Congregation Response

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

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir: "The Little Drummer Boy" by Robert Sterling

Presentation of Our Titles and Offerings

Offertory: "Mary's Cradle Song" by Max Reger, arr. Geoffrey Edwards

****Doxology:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Children's Moments

*As the children come forward, please pass the red **Money for Missions** buckets
in the pews. The noisy mission offering in December will go to
Community Christmas Dinner.*

Offering of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymnal #238

Scripture: Matthew 1:6 and II Samuel 11:2-5

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Temptation"

Pastor Larry A. Gilbert

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE (cont.)

Ritual of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymnal #230

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

****Benediction**

****Postlude:** "God rest you merry," traditional English melody, arr. Rebecca Tevelde

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP	COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
Music Leader	Joel Kirby
Organist/Pianist	Jenny Kirby
Worship Leader	Jon Lough mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Caroline Guthman and Eli Guthman
Prayer Request Reader	Lou Anne Lough
Liturgist	Gaye Auxier
Welcome Hostesses	Thelma Pierson and Terri Yates
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff
Children's Church Volunteers	No Children's Church
Nursery Attendant	
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Scott Adkins and David Maloney	

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 17, 2017

Traditional Service: 156; Praise Service: 51; and DeSoto: 19/Sunday School: 71
Offering: \$10,311.89

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The white rose on the altar today celebrates the life of Lanny Moutardier who passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Lanny was the brother and brother-in-law of Ron and Sally Moutardier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT DESOTO THIS EVENING.

THE COMPASS NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN JANUARY. January calendars will be available at the back of the sanctuary at the end of this month.

THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 31st.

POINSETTIAS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER EITHER THE 5 PM OR 7 PM WORSHIP SERVICES THIS EVENING.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE TEAM WILL BE SERVING THEIR MONTHLY MEAL NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 31st, AT NOON IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL. The congregation is always invited to come and enjoy these delicious meals. Sharing a meal with folks you might not otherwise encounter can be a blessing to all! Certainly the team will appreciate your help in making our guests feel welcome and valued.

***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.

THE CACHE RIVER DISTRICT OFFICE ANNOUNCES AN ADVANCED LAY SERVANT CLASS ON PRAYER WILL BE OFFERED IN FEBRUARY. This class is open to anyone wishing to learn more about service towards others and strengthening a relationship

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with God through public and private prayer. You need not be a part of the Lay Servant Ministries to attend. Classes will take place on Fri., Feb. 2, 6—8 PM and Sat., Feb. 3, 9 AM—5 PM at Grace UMC, Carbondale. \$10 is due on the day of the class to cover snacks and lunch. There is a required text to be purchased. (Text and assignments to be announced in January.) Cost waivers are available. To register by the deadline of Jan. 30th, contact Roberta DePuy by phone, email or mail:

573-201-6650, happyfish27@hotmail.com, and PO Box 96, Marion, IL 62959.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING? Chancel Choir is always looking for new members, both seasonal only and permanent. Please contact Joel Kirby, Choir Director, jkptpt@gmail.com or 816-225-9020.

ANTICIPATED JOB OPENING

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. 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.

HOW DO I CONNECT?

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

LOOKING FORWARD TO LOOKING BACK ...



PRAYER LIST

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

Gary Wece
Carol Russell
Katherine Twenhafel

JoAnn Schirmer
Family of Barb Tullis

- ~ 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
- ~ 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.
Please include this emphasis in your daily prayers.

NEW HERE?

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

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

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

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

WEBSITE: www.crossandflameministries.com  facebook.com/murphysboroumc

SERMON BROADCAST on  or find link at 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.