

WELCOME

CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

December 2, 2018 • First Sunday of Advent

Advent • Blue



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

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

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: "He Leadeth Me" Suite by Matthew H. Corl

Light of Christ Enters

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

****Hymn of Praise:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal #196

****Invocation**

Please See Projection

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Congregation Response

Please See Projection

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

Collection of Prayer Cards by Ushers

Chancel Choir: "The Lord Comes" by G. Alan Smith

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Offertory Solo in F Major"

****Doxology**

Children's Moments

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

Children's Church Procession to Room 205

Offering of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Finding Real Hope"

Pastor Larry Gilbert

****Communion Hymn:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Hymnal #206

Ritual of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

****Benediction**

****Postlude:** "Postlude in Bb Major" by John E. West

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

PRAISE SERVICE

11:15AM

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: Isaiah 9:2-7
Sermon: "Finding Real Hope"
Communion
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Brianna Sitton	Alex Baughman
Organist/Pianist	Cameron Taylor	
Praise Accompanists		
Worship Leader	Rick Runge mumcministries@gmail.com	Ed O'Donnell mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Caroline Guthman and Eli Guthman	
Prayer Request Reader/Liturgist	Gaye Auxier	Ed O'Donnell
Welcome Hostesses	Sally Moutardier and Carolyn Sauer	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky
Children's Church Volunteers	Sage Lintner	Julie Wachtel
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Ashlee Sanders
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: James L. Watkins		

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Traditional Service: 162; Praise Service: 49; and Sunday School: 63

Offering: \$6,002.38

Total November **Money for Missions** Designated to **Key Club**: \$230.80

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET*

THE WESLEY WALKERS INVITE YOU TO GET A HEAD START ON YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION! Join the Wesley Walkers for their first meeting on Fri., Dec. 7, 2018, at 10:00 am in the Church Library. Participants will gather each Friday morning for a devotion, a 20-30 minute walk (indoors during inclement weather), and a time of prayer and reflection. Step counters and devotional books will be provided. Bring your walking shoes and a desire to improve your physical and spiritual well being.

***UNITED METHODIST MEN** will conduct their regular monthly meeting on **Sat., Dec. 8th, 7:30 AM** in our Fellowship Hall Rm. 104. Men of the church will gather for breakfast, devotional, and maybe a work project. **All men of the church are invited to attend.** Please contact Perry Patterson at 618-519-0916 if you have any questions.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL BE PERFORMED IN THE SANCTUARY NEXT SUN., DEC. 9th DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR. See today's bulletin feature box.

THE RICE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUN., DEC. 9th, 1:00—4:00 PM. Cookies and punch will be served. Hope you can come! Mimi's address is: 501 Pump House Road, Murphysboro.

THE ANNUAL YOUTH (CYF, JYF, & SYF) CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUN., DEC. 9th, FROM 4—6 PM. Please bring one food item and a small gift (\$10 max.) for the dirty Santa present exchange. Ugly Christmas sweaters, Christmas pajamas, and Christmas costumes are encouraged!

IT'S POINSETTIAS TIME AGAIN! See today's bulletin insert order forms. The deadline for your ordering poinsettias to honor someone or in memory of someone is noon on Mon., Dec. 10th. Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary beginning Sun., Dec. 16th.

***YOUNG AT HEART WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ON TU., DEC. 11th AT NOON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** There will be holiday music, games and prizes. The menu: ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, peas, ambrosia salad, and bread. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. Cost of the meal is \$6. If after signing up to attend this luncheon your plans change, please be sure to let the office know by Mon., Dec. 10th.

BIBLE JOURNALING YOUR FAITH class meets the second Wednesday of every month. The next session is **Dec. 12, 7:00—8:30 PM in Rm 204.** Newcomers are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont) *INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

Additional information about this class can be obtained from either Rosie Wece (559-8167, rwece50@gmail.com) or Patti Shields (684-5515, deanshield@aol.com).

THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB MEETING ON DEC. 15th!

SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY: As we gather around the table during the Christmas season to share meals with family and friends, let us not forget those families who don't have room in their food budget to provide the extras that most of us enjoy during the holidays. Please take this opportunity to create a holiday season that generates joyfulness for all of us this year by donating to the Murphysboro Food Pantry. Donation envelopes and information sheets may be picked up in the Welcome Center. Decorated coffee cans provided by our children and youth will also be available for receiving donations on Sun., Dec. 23rd.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

***OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR PRAISE SERVICE.** Volunteers will assist one Sunday a month. Sage Lintner is the contact for this volunteer opportunity. She can be reached at 618-889-7320 or mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com if you have any questions.

JOB OPENING

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR—10 HRS PER WEEK. Position to provide assistance and support in the areas of technology ministries at the MUMC and DeSoto sites. To include assisting with coordinating video editing and posting of Sunday services to You Tube, developing video resources for other church ministries as requested. Provide technology needs for Sunday morning services, assist with videotaping of services, prepare and preview Power Point slides, operate computer during both Sunday services and other special services. Will also assist with operating sound board and other technology, as needed. Hours include Sunday morning and a few evening hours each week. Interested or know someone who might be? Contact Lacey Brown at 687-2317 or mumcministries@gmail.com.

THANK YOU, DEAR UMC FRIENDS

WOW —JUST WOW! What a wonderful holiday surprise your amazing check (\$2,273.67*) was. My heart fills (and also my eyes might have leaked a bit) when I imagine how much food this will buy (45,480 lbs to be precise) on the USDA website. Thank you all so very much, and Merry Christmas!

~ Jane Williams, Murphysboro Food Pantry
*Proceeds from Fall Yard Sale

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/Sage Lintner, 687-2317, mumcchildrenyouth@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 Brianna Sitton, Choir Director, 864-631-3274, bgsitton@yahoo.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 2018 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

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE FOR HOLIDAY GRINS & GIGGLES!



Children's
Christmas
Program

Please join us
in the sanctuary on
Sunday, December 9th
when the children will be
performing their annual
Children's Christmas Program
during the Sunday School
hour. Our kids are certain to
share a few holiday grins and
giggles with you, and who
knows? Maybe the biggest
grins and giggles that morning
will be your own!

PRAYER LIST

Earl and Sandra Renshaw

Lee Sullivan

Gary Wece

Christie Higgs, daughter of Kay Bozarth

Deana Smith

James Eaton

Curt Williams

- ◆ Nancy Fager as she recovers from surgery.
- ~ 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.

The 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.