

**WELCOME**

**CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES**

**MURPHYSBORO • DESOTO**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**December 9, 2018 • Second Sunday of Advent  
Advent • Blue**



**ADVENT  
SERMON  
SERIES**



**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 by Handbell Choir:** "Angel Tidings" arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

**Light of Christ Enters**

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

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal #211

**\*\*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:** "Come to Us" by Heather Sorenson

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** Offertory Piece in Ab 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**

**Hymn:** "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Hymnal #242

**Scripture:** John 3:16-17 and I Corinthians 13:4-8a

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** "Nothing More Powerful"

Pastor Larry Gilbert

**\*\*Commitment Hymn:** "There's a Song in the Air"

Hymnal #249

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude:**

**\*\*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:** John 3:16-17 and I Corinthians 13:4-8a  
**Sermon:** "Nothing More Powerful"  
**Closing Song**  
**Sending Forth**

Pastor Larry Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Brianna Sitton	Lacey Brown
Organist/Pianist	Cameron Taylor	
Praise Accompanists		Allen Dillow
Worship Leader	Jon Lough mumcministries@gmail.com	Kristi Miller mumcministries@gmail.com
Handbell Choir Director	Randy Auxier	
Acolytes	Phoebe Heller and Charlie Pierson	
Prayer Request Reader/Liturgist	Lou Ann Lough	Kristi Miller
Welcome Hostesses	Kathy Bratton and Sharon Graff	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky
Children's Church Volunteers	Cheryl Smith	Scarlett Pierson
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Ashlee Sanders
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: William A. Akin		

## **ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 2, 2018**

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Traditional Service: 146; Praise Service: 75; and Sunday School: 69  
Offering: \$10.663.00

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL BE PERFORMED IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.**

**THE RICE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, 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 TODAY 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 TOMORROW. 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! 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!** The read ahead book selection for Sat., Jan. 19th is *My Family and Other Animals (Corfu Trilogy #1)* by Gerald Durrell.

**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.

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

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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.

**\*THE 25th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER is in need of cakes, pies, bars, or cookies** (please no dairy or egg desserts). If you are able to help please mark the attendance pad. For questions, text or call Jennifer O'Donnell at 618-534-3822. Thanks!

**HI, BAKERS. FOR OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE DEC. 30th MEAL, WE'D LIKE TO SERVE COOKIES.** Who would be willing to bake an extra dozen or two to donate to that? Please let Clara Kiser know at 687-2235 (that's a cell, so text if you wish) or [pontiac@egyptianpontiac.com](mailto:pontiac@egyptianpontiac.com). Thanks ahead of time for your love and time.

**\*WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES WANTED FOR OUR NEWSLETTER CALENDAR!** If you think we may not have your special date, please note same on the Attendance Sheet, and we'll be sure to add it to the COMPASS calendar!

**GIFT BAGS ARE NOW READY FOR DELIVERY TO SHUT-INS.** Bags can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Any member of the congregation wishing to bless one (or more!) of these precious members of our church family may certainly pick up bag/s to deliver. Enjoy your visit/s!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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**\*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](mailto:mumcchildrenyouth@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **JOB OPENING**

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**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](mailto:mumcministries@gmail.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/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*

## UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES & EVENTS

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### December 16th

Both Services - March to the Manger  
Sermons will feature the *It's a Wonderful Life* movie

### December 20th

6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

### December 23rd

Sermons for both services will feature the *Home Alone* movie

### December 24th

5:00 pm Christmas Eve - Praise Service\*  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve - Traditional Service\*  
Sermons for both services will feature the  
*A Charlie Brown Christmas* movie

### December 30th

Both Services - Celebration Sunday

Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season!



## PRAYER LIST

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Earl and Sandra Renshaw

Lee Sullivan

Gary Wece

Christie Higgs, daughter of Kay Bozarth

Deana Smith

James Eaton

Curt Williams

Nancy Fager

- ~ 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.

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

Please include this emphasis in your daily prayers.

## **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.