

WELCOME

CROSS & FLAME MINISTRIES

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

December 23, 2018 • Fourth 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: "We Three Kings"

Light of Christ Enters

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

****Hymn of Praise:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymnal #230

****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

Special Music: Guest soloist, Alexis Turner, singing "He Shall Feed His Flock"

by G. F. Handel

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

****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: "What Child Is This"

Hymnal #219

Scripture: Luke 2:16-20 and John 14:27

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Nothing Like Peace" - *Home Alone*

Pastor Larry Gilbert

****Commitment Hymn:** "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Hymnal #221

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

****Benediction**

****Postlude:** "In Gb Major"

****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: Luke 2:16-20 and John 14:27
Sermon: "Nothing Like Peace" - *Home Alone*
Closing Song
Sending Forth

Pastor Larry Gilbert

TODAY'S WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL SERVICE	MUMC PRAISE SERVICE
Music Leader	Joel Kirby	Lacey Brown
Organist/Pianist	Cameron Taylor	
Praise Accompanists		Allen Dillow
Worship Leader	Jon Lough mumcministries@gmail.com	Roger Smith mumcministries@gmail.com
Acolytes	Landrie Green and Justin Maynor	
Prayer Request Reader/Liturgist	Gene Schwebel	Roger Smith
Welcome Hostesses	Arlene Bitner and Thelma Pierson	
Ushers	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky
Children's Church Volunteers	Diane Schingel	Patti Thrailkill
Nursery Attendant	Caitlyn Boyd	Ashlee Sanders
The Memory Book is open to the page honoring: Scott Adkins and David Maloney		

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 16, 2018

Traditional Service: 175; Praise Service: 53; and Sunday School: 69
Offering: \$5,371.10

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The white rose on the altar today celebrates the life of Nathan Mitchell who passed away on Sun., Dec. 16th. Nathan was the nephew of Jennifer Watson and cousin to London and Asia Watson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE SHEET

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!

WE ARE INVITED TO THE ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:00 PM FOR A CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS."

St. Andrew choir, in collaboration with the choir of First Presbyterian Church, Cobden, will present a beautiful presentation of Christmas music, along with a possibility of everyone joining in to sing favorite Christmas carols. This is a great opportunity to unplug from this hectic season and enjoy the last Sunday of Advent.

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. Another option is to drop a donation to the Food Pantry in the decorated coffee cans provided by our children and youth. These cans can also be found in the Welcome Center.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEEK.

***THE 25TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER** is in need of volunteers to work the day before and day of. **Delivery drivers are especially needed!** Please mark the attendance pad if you are available to help. Questions? Text or call Jennifer O'Donnell at 618-534-3822. Thanks!

COME AND ENJOY THE OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE FREE MEAL NEXT SUNDAY AT

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont) *INDICATES SIGNUP ON ATTENDANCE

NOON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. This is a perfect opportunity to share the love of Jesus with folks who maybe don't attend church.

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. Thanks ahead of time for your love and time.

***A PRECEPT STUDY ON JAMES WILL BE OFFERED TUESDAY MORNINGS, JAN. 8—MAR. 26th, IN RM 202.** What is true faith? How should you live the Christian life? Each verse of this practical women's study presented by Angie Baughman is alive with instructions, admonition, and encouragement. Learn God's principles for dealing with trials, temptations, the tongue, and the pull of the world.

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.

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

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS CELEBRATION SUNDAY!



PRAYER LIST

Earl and Sandra Renshaw

Lee Sullivan

Gary Wece

Christie Higgs, daughter of Kay Bozarth

Deana Smith

Curt Williams

Nancy Fager

Family of Peggy Morgan

Family of James Eaton

Family of Mary Jane (Tindall) Rees

- ◆ Family of Nathan Mitchell who passed away on Sun., Dec. 16th.
- ◆ Hall Zimmerman for health concerns.
- ~ 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.