



# MUNSEY UPDATE

## MAY 18, 2025

### WELCOME TO MUNSEY!

We are so thankful to have you join us in worship today! Please take a moment to fill out the Connect card in your Update, or you may visit [www.munsey.org/connect](http://www.munsey.org/connect) to fill out your card electronically.

#### WEEKLY GROUPS AND STUDIES

##### WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Our Women's Study Group meets on **Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00am** in the Parlor through tomorrow and a few dates throughout the summer. All women are welcome, and please let Amanda Onks ([amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)) know if you have questions or would like to join us!

##### WAYNE ANDERSON PRAYER GROUP

The Wayne Anderson Men's Prayer Group meets **Thursday mornings at 6:30am** in the Christian Life Center Meeting Room. We invite all men from all churches to join us for study, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, please email Bill Darden ([billdarden7@aol.com](mailto:billdarden7@aol.com)).

##### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

Our Wednesday night programming has wrapped up for the summer. We're excited about our Wednesday Night Kick-Off on **August 6**, with a church-wide dinner to start a new year of Wednesday night programs. Mark your calendar, and we hope to see you there!

##### FAMILY MINISTRIES STAFF RECEPTION

We've been delighted to bring Charity Damrau and Mindy Moore on board this year as our Directors of Children's and Youth Ministries, and our Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites you to drop by the Gathering Place after 11:00 worship **today**, to warmly welcome them and their families to Munsey. Charity and Mindy have already been doing such good work with our children, youth, and their families, and we are so very grateful to have them on our Family Ministries Staff. We know you'll want to drop by and get to know them and their families and extend a warm Munsey welcome to them!

##### BACKPACKS FOR LIBERIA

This year's Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project will once again support ministries in Zimbabwe and Liberia. Each district is assigned a specific project, and the Three Rivers District will again be collecting Backpacks for Liberia. These backpacks contain school supplies for school children throughout Liberia. After our announcement of this project last fall, we received over 20 complete backpacks. If you'd like to be involved this year, we are asking that you bring completed backpacks only. Backpacks may be dropped off at the Connection Point **by tomorrow, May 19**. Instructions and lists of supplies are available at the Connection Point and online at [munsey.org/backpacks](http://munsey.org/backpacks). Monetary donations will go toward shipping costs (\$8 per backpack).

##### LADIES' LUNCH

All ladies are welcome to join us **tomorrow at 12:00pm** at Ole's Guacamoles, and we look forward to lunch and fellowship together. Please let Amanda Onks know ([amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)) if you plan to be there so we can save you a seat.

##### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date for Vacation Bible School this summer! Our VBS will take place **June 16-19**, and the theme is *Road Trip: On the Go with God*. We hope to have all our Munsey kiddos there! We'll also need lots of volunteers to make it a success from behind-the-scenes help to decorating to volunteering the week of VBS. Registration is available now for Munsey families. You can register your child and sign up to volunteer at [www.munsey.org/vbs](http://www.munsey.org/vbs)!

##### DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Are you caring for someone with Dementia? If so, we would like to care for you! This group is a wonderful opportunity to hear from others who share the same struggles and have the same questions. Our next meeting is **June 9 at 2:30pm** in the Parlor. For more information, please contact Emily Ham at [parishnurse@munsey.org](mailto:parishnurse@munsey.org).

##### CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER GYM LIGHTING

Exciting news! The Christian Life Center Gym lighting safety and upgrade project is officially moving forward with a trusted local contractor who has been approved to begin work as soon as possible. This upgrade will bring all-new LED lighting to the CLC Gym, creating a much brighter and refreshed atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Journey worship will continue to be held in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings at 11:00am until the upgrade is complete.

##### CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN OPEN HOUSE

Come explore Camp Bays Mountain **today from 2:00 - 4:00pm**! Tour the grounds, meet the staff, and get a sneak peek at all the fun they have in store for summer. The address is 1435 S'mores Trail, Kingsport, TN 37660. For more information check them out at [www.campbaysmountain.com](http://www.campbaysmountain.com) or call them at 423-349-8401.



The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Morgan, Melanie, Caden, Arlan, Jasper, Penny, & Gus Richards on the death of Morgan's mother, Gale Richards, on May 6 in Hanover Township, PA.

The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Carol Carr on the death of her brother, Robert Carr, on May 5 in Lawrenceville, VA.

The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Kerstie Hillman on the death of her father, David Hillman, on May 5 in Nashville.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

DISASTER RELIEF TASK FORCE

The Holston Conference shared information about the home rebuilding funded by the Rebuild Embreeville campaign, which is supported by Munsey and other local UMC churches. The Garland, Milhorn, and White families are three of six families who will soon move into new homes as a result of this campaign, which has raised over \$300,000. You can read the article on the Holston Conference website at <https://www.holston.org/article/rebuilding-embreeville-19067001>.



A group of four Munsey volunteers recently helped assemble a 10'x12' storage shed for one of the six families in Embreeville who will soon be moving into their new ASP-built home. Opportunities to participate in additional hands-on projects like this are anticipated in the coming weeks and months. If you would like to get involved, or if you know someone who might, please contact Dave Culberson at [missions@munsey.org](mailto:missions@munsey.org) or Trish Patterson at [1956tlpatt@gmail.com](mailto:1956tlpatt@gmail.com).

CHURCH & SOCIETY

The Church and Society team is focusing on expanding church-wide awareness of social, environmental, and economic issues addressed by the United Methodist Social Principles. We are considering opportunities such as expert panel discussions and providing educational materials to church members on the most pressing societal issues. The team aims to increase membership to include greater diversity. If anyone is interested in joining our teams or knows of anyone else in the congregation who may be interested, please contact Angie Eastridge at [angelacullop@gmail.com](mailto:angelacullop@gmail.com).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Munsey offers a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages from **10:00 to 10:45am**. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders meet on the Elementary Children's Hallway. The 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders meet in Room 209. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders meet in Room 210. Babies and toddlers meet in the Green Room, and three-year-olds - kindergartners meet in the Blue Room. Both the Green Room and Blue Room are located on the Preschool Hallway. At the conclusion of Sunday School, parents can choose to bring their children to worship or keep them in the nursery for playtime.

CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Camp Bays Mountain summer camp registration is open! We hope to have several campers from Munsey attend again this summer and are offering partial scholarships to Munsey children or youth who register for summer camp at Bays Mountain. If you're interested in registering for camp with a Munsey scholarship, please contact Amanda Onks ([amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)).

YOUTH

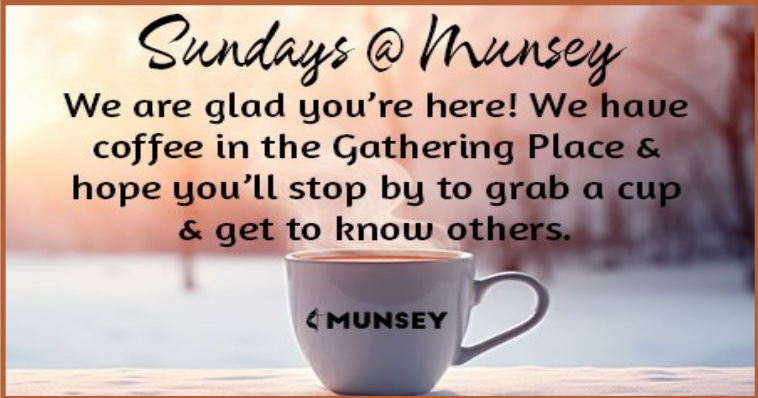
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets weekly on the Youth floor at 10:00am, with fellowship and snacks at 9:45am.

WE HAVE THREE NEST ROOMS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES WITH BABIES & TODDLERS ON SUNDAYS. PLEASE ASK AN USHER IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS TO ONE OF THEM.

- \*CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER LOBBY
- \*PARLOR
- \*LIBRARY

WE'RE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY JOIN US IN WORSHIP TODAY!



CHURCH OFFERING WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025

May 11 gifts: \$24,759  
Weekly need: \$29,558  
Difference: **-\$4,799**



APRIL YEAR TO DATE **-\$120,959**

For online giving, scan the QR code or go to [munsey.org/give](https://munsey.org/give).

