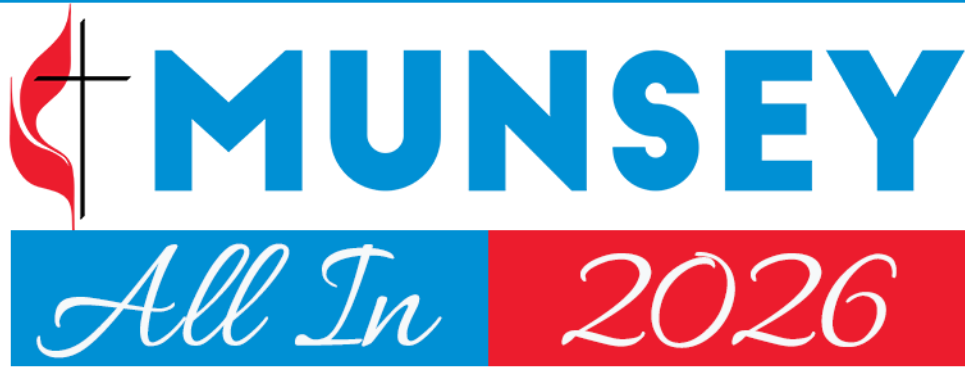




MUNSEY UPDATE **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

WEEKLY GROUPS AND STUDIES

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Our Women's Study Group meets on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00am in the Gathering Place. All women are welcome, and please let Amanda Onks (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).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

We have age-level programs for children and youth and adult studies from 6:00-7:00pm each Wednesday through December 10! If you would like to bring your dinner with you before programs begin, tables are available around the gym floor from 5:30-6:00pm. We have these studies available for adults, and information on children and youth can be found in our Family Ministries Newsletter:

- Pastor's Bible Study led by Rev. Chris Brown: a discussion-based study of the lectionary text for the following Sunday (Christian Life Center Meeting Room); *a daytime option is available at 1:00pm in the Conference Room for those who prefer not to drive after dark.*
- Women's Community Group led by Gwen Sitsch and Amanda Onks: a group of women in various stages of life who are looking deeply into the life of Jesus and encouraging one another to recognize the presence and movement of God in the day-to-dayness of life (Gathering Place)
- Men's Community Group: a group of like-minded Christian men from diverse backgrounds wanting to strengthen their faith through weekly discussions and fellowship (Parlor)

ADVENT IN FOUR WORDS: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE

Our church-wide Advent theme for this year is *Advent in Four Words: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*, based on a new book written by four United Methodist bishops, two of whom are especially known and loved at Munsey: Kenneth L. Carder and Debra Wallace-Padgett. Our hope is that classes and small groups will consider journeying through the book together, and it provides daily devotionals for individuals to use as well.

Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will be joining us on **Sunday, December 7**, to share during our Sunday School time at 10:00am in the Christian Life Center Gym. She will then preach at 11:00, and we'll combine our 11:00 services in the Sanctuary, where we'll look forward to having our children's choirs, Praise Team, Chancel Choir, and handbells lead our music. Our 9:00 services in the Sanctuary and Melting Pot will be on their regular schedule. We're so grateful to have our bishop join us during Advent!

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 **December 8 at 2:30pm** in the Parlor. For more information, please contact Emily Ham at parishnurse@munsey.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Munsey offers a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages from 10:00 to 10:45am, with drop-off available at 9:50am. Kindergartners - 5th graders meet on the Elementary Children's Hallway in Room 209. Babies and toddlers meet in the Green Room, and children three years old through Pre-K meet in the Blue Room, both on the Preschool Hallway.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We would love to see our Munsey kids on Wednesday nights! Programs are from 6:00-7:00pm, with drop-off for kids available at 5:50pm.

JINGLE JAM: THE ULTIMATE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE!

Mark your calendar for a new holiday tradition, *Jingle Jam*, the most exciting and interactive way to celebrate the season! We've wrapped up the Christmas story in a high-energy package of side-splitting comedy, festive music, hilarious games, and fun audience participation. Make a brand-new, unforgettable holiday memory with us on **Sunday, December 7, at 5:30pm in the Christian Life Center Gym**. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

YOUTH

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Sunday School:** Sundays on the Youth Floor from 10:00-10:45am, with fellowship and snacks from 9:45-10:00am
- **Life Groups:** Wednesday nights on the Youth Floor from 6:00-7:00pm
- **Prayer Breakfast:** Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:00am at the W. Market St. Chick-fil-A for high school students

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP

Middle School Pick-Up for 6th-8th graders is on **Wednesday, December 3!** We're excited to share that 1st UMC will now be joining us for Middle School Pick-Up. We'll pick up from Liberty Bell, Indian Trail, and University School. We'll go ice skating at the Bristol Motor Speedway Ice Rink, and youth will need money for a snack and \$5 to ice skate. **Please let Mindy Moore (mindy.moore@munsey.org) know by December 1** if your youth plans to join in on the fun. More info on pickup permissions is in the Family Ministries Newsletter. Friends are always welcome!

For more information about our Children's and Youth Ministries, please see our Family Ministries Newsletter, found in the brochure racks outside our worship spaces, at the Connection Point, and at www.munsey.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR MELTING POT COMMUNITY

Cold weather and the disruption to food assistance made us all aware of the insecurity for basic needs that many of our community face. To be the hands of Jesus, Munsey is collecting the items listed below to help our neighbors who are served through the Melting Pot ministries. All donations may be left at the Missions Center across from the Connection Point.



- winter hats
- gloves and mittens
- canned beans
- canned vegetables
- canned soup
- canned fruit
- canned meat
- dry pasta
- jarred pasta sauces
- packaged rice
- instant potatoes
- shelf-stable entrees



FESTIVE CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

December 14 is Festive Christmas Sweater Day, an annual tradition at Munsey! Don your best Christmas wear to celebrate the season at church that morning, and we would love for you to take a picture and share it with us or tag Munsey Church on social media.

LADIES’ LUNCH

All ladies are welcome to join us on **Monday, December 15, at 12:00pm** at Ole’s Guacamoles, and we look forward to lunch and fellowship together. Please let Amanda Onks know (amanda@munsey.org) if you plan to be there so we can save you a seat.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

We have a wonderful Christmas tradition, where we take an offering to benefit a ministry outside the walls of our church. This year’s offering will help support the ETSU Wesley Foundation. We’re grateful to share in ministry with them as they increase connection, community, and commitment in the lives of young people on ETSU’s campus. You can use a special Christmas Eve offering envelope, write a check and put “Christmas Eve offering” in the memo line, or give online at www.munsey.org/give.

Sundays @ Munsey

We are glad you are here! We have coffee in the Gathering Place & hope you’ll stop by to grab a cup & get to know others.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, we follow Johnson City Schools' schedule for church programs. If schools dismiss early or close on a weekday, we won’t have evening activities at Munsey that day. The church office will be open on weekdays, as staff are able to safely travel to the church. Sunday morning schedules will be adapted and shared online as needed for weekend snow.

We’re looking forward to being “All In” together in 2026! It’s not too late to turn in your Estimate of Giving Card, & you can give it to the Finance Office or submit at www.munsey.org/give. We can’t wait to see what God has in store for Munsey Church!

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 NOVEMBER 23, 2025

November 23 gifts:	\$40,940
Weekly need:	\$30,577
Difference:	\$10,363

OCTOBER YEAR TO DATE **-\$95,509 ***

For online giving, scan the QR code or go to munsey.org/give.

* We want to share some encouraging news regarding the budget for the remainder of the year. Through incredible generosity, Munsey received a significant estate gift which will be applied to weekly giving over the remainder of the year to help offset our current budget deficit. We are deeply grateful for this blessing and for the faithful stewardship of our congregation as we continue to serve and grow together!
~ Munsey Finance Committee

NORTH SIDE PARTNERSHIP

DECEMBER 2025

In December, we’re asking for new toys or games (ages Pre-K through 5th grade) for North Side students. The “Shop for Christmas” event will be held on the 15th of December so we need all donations by the 12th. You can place these donations in the green bins around the corner from the Connection Point.