

"Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy."  
Matthew 5:7



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**MUNSEY**  
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AUGUST 7, 2022

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to  
**423-460-8618**

## **WELCOME TO MUNSEY!**

Whether this is your first time here or you're part of our congregation, we're thrilled that you have joined us! If you need help finding anything or have any questions, *please ask*.

***If you are new and would like to find out more about Munsey, text HELLO to 423-460-8618, and someone will contact you.***

### **CAITLIN & MICHAEL KING FAREWELL**

We hope you'll stop by the drop-in reception for Caitlin and Michael King in the Gathering Place **SUNDAY, August 7 after the 11:00 worship**. Caitlin will be moving to Indiana to begin her chaplaincy training, and Michael, who previously served on our Youth Staff, will join her when he completes his work at the VA. To show your appreciation to Caitlin and Michael through a love offering, you may send your gift to Munsey, by check or electronically, and mark "love offering" in the memo section. The Kings have served our congregation and Christ's church with dedication, love, and strength. Our prayer is that they will know of our deep appreciation and love for them as they begin their new journeys.

### **CHURCH PICNIC**

We're having a church picnic, complete with food and games, in the upper Christian Life Center parking lot on **August 10 at 6:00pm!** We'll provide dinner (hot dogs, baked beans, chips, salad, drinks, and dessert), and will have tables and chairs under tents in the parking lot as well as seating in the gym. Please RSVP **by August 7** either online ([www.munsey.org/rsvp](http://www.munsey.org/rsvp)), or call Cathy Szucs at (423)461-8070 ext. 203! We can't wait to be together in fellowship with our Munsey family!

### **WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP**

Beginning **August 15**, a new women's study group, led by Amanda Onks, will meet on Monday mornings from **9:30-11:00am** in the Gathering Place. Our first study will be *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows* by James Bryan Smith, which can be found at Cokesbury or on Amazon. Our first week will be an intro time together, and we'll begin the book study the next week.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS**

Beginning **August 17**, we'll have age-level programs for children and youth and adult studies from **6:00-7:00pm** each Wednesday! If you would like to bring your dinner with you before programs begin, tables will be available around the gym floor from 5:30-6:00pm. We have these studies available for adults:

- \*Amy Jill Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus*, led by Rev. Beth Sullivan (Christian Life Center Meeting Room)
- \*The Gospel According to Hollywood, a four-week study led by Steve Wheeler (LL10)
- \*Women's Community Group led by Amanda Onks (Gathering Place)
- \*Men's Community Group led by John Redmond (Parlor)

### **METHODIST HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Beginning **September 11**, Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson will lead a five-week study on **Sundays at 5:30pm** entitled Methodist History & Heritage. It's a great entrance point to Munsey and also for current Methodists who want to understand our history and heritage in a deeper way. The study will focus on where we come from and who we are today as Methodists. Participants should sign up **by September 7** at [www.munsey.org/rsvp](http://www.munsey.org/rsvp), noting if they need childcare and ages of children. The class will be offered again in the spring.

### **DISCOVER MUNSEY**

If you're new to Munsey or would simply like to learn more about being part of our church, we would love to have you join us for Discover Munsey! This Munsey orientation class will be offered for five Sundays, beginning on **September 11**. We'll meet during Sunday School at 10:00am in the Chapel and will have guest speakers from our clergy, staff, and congregation each week. If you would like to be part of the class, please register online ([www.munsey.org/rsvp](http://www.munsey.org/rsvp)). Contact Amanda Onks ([amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)) if you have any questions.

## SEND

Steve Wheeler ([steve@munsey.org](mailto:steve@munsey.org), 423-461-8070 x209),  
Director of Missions & Open Door Worship

### SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA FLOOD RELIEF

With the recent flooding in Southwest Virginia, there is an immediate need for cleaning kits. The supply list for the kits is located across from the Connection Point. Please return cleaning kits to the church by **Friday, August 19**. There is also a need for financial assistance. **See Munsey's website and Facebook pages for more information, or contact Steve Wheeler.**

### WESLEY FOUNDATION-HELP!

As students return to ETSU for the fall, we can help the Wesley Foundation be a welcoming beacon for them. To help, we can provide the following items:

- \*coffee K-cups
- \*bottled water
- \*canned drinks
- \*hot chocolate packs

**Please put items in the bin around the corner from the Connection Point.**

## CARE

### CONGRATULATIONS:

- to Shuler and Sara Sitsch on the birth of a daughter, Nora Kay, August 3. Proud grandparents are Mike and Gwen Sitsch.

### SYMPATHY:

- to Tracy and Curt Dieterich and family upon the death of her father, Harwada Gardner, August 1.

## YOUTH

Caitlin King ([caitlin.king@munsey.org](mailto:caitlin.king@munsey.org)), Director of Youth Ministries

### POOL PARTY TONIGHT

Our youth will have their pool party **Sunday, August 7** at the Seeleys' house from **5:00-7:00pm**. Pick up and drop off will be at the Seeleys'! We will have Barberitos for dinner and will be handing out the youth shirts! Please let Caitlin know if you can make it or if you need directions. Bring your swimsuit, towel, and friends!

### JUNIOR HIGH PICK UP

Students from Liberty Bell, Indian Trail, & UH will be picked up after school on **Wednesday, August 10** to go to the mall food court for a snack & then bowling! Students need money for their food and \$6 for bowling! RSVP to Caitlin **by August 7** so she can plan transportation! All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us even if they are from a different school!

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

Prayer Breakfast starts **Thursday, August 11 at 6:30am** at W. Market St. Chick-Fil-A! We hope to see all of our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Rides are not provided to school so be sure you have a ride to school at 7:00am!

### LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups start again on **Wednesday, August 17 from 6:00-7:00pm!** Students and volunteers meet on the Youth Floor! We look forward to an awesome year!

## CHILDREN

Katie Jackson ([katie@munsey.org](mailto:katie@munsey.org)) & Kristi Bowman ([kristi@munsey.org](mailto:kristi@munsey.org)), Directors of Children's Ministries

### HWY 56 KICKOFF—SUNDAY!

We can't wait to see our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders **Sunday, August 7** for our pool party from **4:30-6:30pm**. If you haven't let Kristi know your child will be joining us, please let her know ASAP! Parents, don't forget about our quick parent meeting at 6:15.

### CHURCH PICNIC & BACK-TO-SCHOOL KICKOFF

We hope you'll join us **at 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 10** in the upper Christian Life Center parking lot for our Munsey Church Picnic and Back-to-School Kickoff. Children and their families are welcome to join us for food, games, and a splashing good time...and we invite the rest of our Munsey family, too. We'll provide dinner and popsicles (donations accepted) with tents, tables, and chairs. We'll have games & water play, so wear your bathing suit & bring a towel. We can't wait to kick off a new school year with fun, food, and fellowship! RSVP at [www.munsey.org/rsvp](http://www.munsey.org/rsvp) **by August 7** so we will have plenty of food!

### RISING THIRD GRADERS/KINDERGARTENERS

We are making plans to present our rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and Kindergarteners with their very own Bibles and Bible Storybooks on **August 21** during the worship service they attend. If you have a child this age, please contact Kristi or Katie (tell us how you would like the Bible to be inscribed). If you are new to Munsey and your child didn't receive a Bible in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or a Bible storybook in Kindergarten, please let us know.

### WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Regular children's activities begin **August 17**, and all children's programming is 6:00-7:00pm.

#### Birth through 2-year-olds:

- 6:00-7:00pm—Playtime & music in the nursery Green Room
- Check-in/check-out—in the Green Room.

#### 3-year-olds through kindergarteners:

- 3-year-olds (as of August 15, 2021) - must be potty-trained.
- 6:00pm—Music and movement in room 206 (elementary children's floor) with Mr. Matt.
- 6:30pm—Ms. Katie and volunteers will take children to the preschool hallway for hands-on Bible learning and games.
- Pickup is in the preschool hallway at 7:00pm.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

- 6:00-6:30pm—missions and Bible skills with Ms. Kristi (room 209)
- 6:30-7:00pm-1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders will go to room 206 for choir with Mr. Matt.
- 6:30-7:00pm-HWY56 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders) - Jr. Life Group time in the HWY56 room
- Pickup is on the elementary children's floor at 7:00pm for both groups.



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