



MUNSEY UPDATE

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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 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 through December 9 in the Parlor. All women are welcome, and please let Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) know if you have questions.

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 6:00-7:15pm through December 11! 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. More information on groups is in our November Messenger, available in the brochure racks and at www.munsey.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

As a Christmas Eve tradition at Munsey, we take an offering each year to financially support missions through an outside organization. We are excited that this year's Christmas Eve Offering will go toward helping build new homes for flood victims in our area whose homes were totally lost. The offering will be used to help with the \$50,000 cost to families whose new homes are being built by Appalachia Service Project (ASP). We are also working with ASP to get matched with a local family in our region to not only support their rebuild cost, but also to identify specific ways Munsey can support that family through volunteer services and by helping with other needs they may have.

We hope you will give generously to this offering and may do so by using a special Christmas Eve offering envelope, writing a check and putting "Christmas Eve offering" in the memo line, or giving online at www.munsey.org/give.

A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF KATIE JACKSON AND AMY BROWN

We have been very blessed to have Katie Jackson and Amy Brown serve as our Director of Children's Ministries and Director of Youth Ministries. To celebrate their faithful ministry to our church, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee will host a drop-in reception in honor of Katie and Amy on **Sunday, December 8**. The reception will be in the Gathering Place following the 11:00 worship services. We hope you will join us as we thank them and express our gratitude. We also invite you to show your appreciation and love to Katie and Amy by contributing to a love offering for them, to which you may contribute through check or online giving. Katie and Amy have served our congregation, in particular, our children and youth with love and compassion over the years they have been here. Our prayer is that they will know our appreciation and love as they begin new chapters in their lives. Blessings, Mark Kinser, Chair, Staff/Parish Relations Committee

CHRISTMAS CAMP AT CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN

Camp Bays Mountain is hosting a Christmas Camp on **December 6-7** for kids in 1st - 8th grades. There is a day camp and an overnight option. Details and registration can be found at www.campbaysmountain.com.

HELENE DISASTER RELIEF

November was a month filled with Munsey members sharing the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbors dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene:

- We delivered 98 clean up buckets, 102 hygiene kits, and a dozen cases of bottled water to the Three Rivers District collection site.
- A Disaster Relief Task Force was formed to address ongoing and longer-term needs. A team of volunteers willing to get their hands dirty (chainsaw work, debris removal, repairs, etc.) is being formed. If you want to sign up, contact Dave Culberson (missions@munsey.org).
- The Task Force has been gathering information and guidance from local response organizations to find practical and useful ways for Munsey to be most helpful. Details will be shared each week through the weekly Update.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

FALL FOOD DRIVE FOR ALEXANDER UMC

Munsey responded with generous hearts to the food drive for Alexander UMC in Bishop, VA. On a cold, snowy day in November, Ed Temple delivered more than 500 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable foods (a full truckload) to Rev. Daniel Bradley in Bishop, VA. Thanks to the generosity of Munsey Sunday school classes, small groups, youth, Boy Scout Troop, and individuals, the Alexander UMC can provide additional Thanksgiving meal support to families throughout their struggling community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **Thursday, December 5**, Munsey will celebrate its 25th annual Christmas Party at Northeast Correctional Complex. We will share God's love, a message, communion, food, presents, and conversation with the residents. You will see many smiles, a lot of thanks, and love. This event may be the only time for some residents to see outside people the entire year. For more information, please contact Dave Culberson at 423-676-3402. As found in Matthew 25:36, ". . . I was in prison, and you visited me."

The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Trey, Heather, Eleanor, Katherine, and Ameila Lunsford on the death of Trey's grandmother, Carolyn Robertson, on November 20.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT MUNSEY

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES JOB OPENING

We are seeking a full-time Director of Children's Ministries to serve in ministry to children from birth through 6th grade. The ideal candidate will exhibit a love of children, families, and servant leaders, and will encourage children in the congregation and community to grow in faith as Christian disciples. Applicants must be mature and committed disciples of Christ and team players with good organization and communication skills. A Bachelor's degree is required, with a degree in Education or Religion and at least three years of experience in Children's Ministries preferred. Submit resume, cover letter, and statement of faith to: employment@munsey.org. Job description is available upon request.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES JOB OPENING

Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church seeks a full-time Director of Youth Ministries to serve in ministry to students in grades 7-12, also assisting with grades 5-6, alongside the Director of Children's Ministries. Desired applicant will focus on programs and relational ministry with students. A Bachelor's degree is required, with a degree in Education or Religion and previous youth ministry experience preferred. Submit resume, cover letter, and statement of faith to: employment@munsey.org. Job description is available upon request.

NORTH SIDE TEACHER TREE

There is still time! We have a tree by the Connection Point with ornament wish lists and a digital version on our website (www.munsey.org/northside-tree). We hope you'll get a wish list, buy a small gift or two that the staff member might like, wrap it, and bring it back to the Connection Point by **Sunday, December 8**, with the staff member's name on it. You don't have to spend more than \$15-\$20, but the time you take to show a little love to our North Side staff will go a long way!

CHILDREN Katie Jackson (katie@munsey.org)
Director of Children's Ministries

MEETUP AT THE MOVIES

Join us on **December 8** at AMC Theatre 14 in Johnson City to watch *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Families will be responsible for purchasing their own tickets. We will publicize the movie time closer to the date once the theatre releases the showtimes for that day.

GINGERBREAD BASH IS TODAY

We invite all KidMin families to join us **today** in the Christian Life Center Gym from 4:00-5:30pm for an afternoon of fun! We will play games, make crafts, and decorate gingerbread nativities!

Upcoming Children's Ministry Dates:

Please see the Family Newsletter or www.munsey.org/kidmin for more details.

12/4 – Last night of filming for the Nativity Video
12/8 – Munsey Meetup at the Movies
12/11 – Wednesday Night Christmas Party
12/21 – Parents' Night Out
12/24 – Christmas Eve Services

YOUTH Amy Brown (amy.brown@munsey.org)
Director of Youth Ministries

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sundays on the Youth floor weekly from 10:00 - 10:45am, and we have fellowship and

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- snacks from 9:45 - 10:00am
- **LIFE GROUPS:** Wednesday nights on the Youth floor from 6:00-7:15pm.
- **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:00am at the W. Market St. Chick-fil-A for high school students; transportation is not provided to school, and students need money for breakfast.

KAIROS COOKIES

We will be making cookies for the Kairos Prison ministry on **December 4 from 4:30-6:00pm**. These cookies will be used for the Prison Party on December 5. Let Amy know if you plan to come by December 3. Students will receive service hours for helping.

LIFE GROUP AND PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our last Life Group of the year will be on December 11. We will meet on the youth floor at 6:00pm, head down to Founders Park and tour Candyland Christmas and come back to church for cookies and hot cocoa. Our final Prayer Breakfast will be on December 12.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK UP

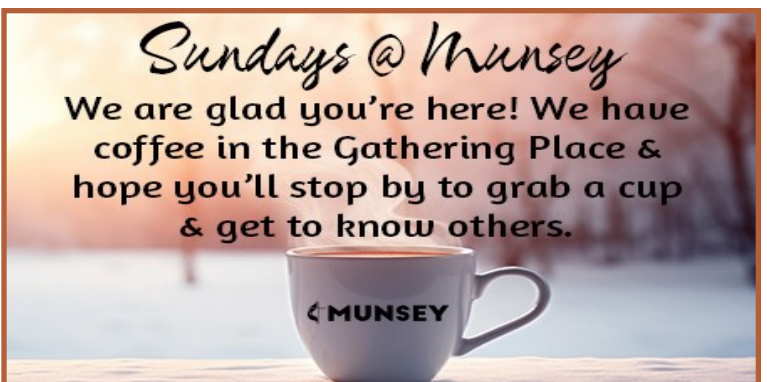
All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us for Middle School Pick-Up on **December 4**. We will pick up from Liberty Bell and Indian Trail Middle Schools. We will come to the church to watch a Christmas movie and enjoy some pizza. We will help with the Kairos Cookie making at 4:30pm. Please let Amy know by December 3 if you plan to join us.

Please see our Family Ministries Newsletter for more information about our Children and Youth Ministries.

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!



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

CHURCH OFFERING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2024

November 17 gifts: \$40,898
Weekly need: \$29,970
Difference: **+\$10,928**



October Year to Date: +\$60,809

For online giving, scan the QR code or go to munsey.org/give. It's not too late to fill out a pledge card for 2025! Cards are available outside worship venues and at www.munsey.org/give. We're looking forward to a new year of ministry at Munsey and hope you'll partner with us!

NORTH SIDE PARTNERSHIP DECEMBER 2024

We encourage everyone to join us in picking a wish list from the Teacher Tree at the Connection Point or by choosing one online at munsey.org/northside-tree



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