



MUNSEY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 7, 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 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. We're studying *The Narrow Path: How the Subversive Way of Jesus Satisfies Our Souls* by Rich Villodas. 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! 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)
- 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)

CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

We are always willing and grateful to reach out in care to our congregation members. If you or one of your Munsey friends is in the hospital, having surgery, dealing with illness, or could use extra care, please let our Parish Nurse, Emily Ham, know by contacting her at (parishnurse@munsey.org or 423-282-8970). Thanks for helping us stay informed to care for each other!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: JC²

We're being faithful to the way of Jesus Christ in Johnson City (so JC-squared). This new class is designed for young adults: in college or out of college, early bird or night owl, beauty school dropout or aspiring entrepreneur, renting an apartment or living in your parents' basement, Republican, Democrat or none of the above, Buccaneers or Vols, herbivore or omnivore . . . come and join us in the Gathering Place each Sunday at 10:00am beginning **today**. For questions or more info, please contact Jeff Moore (jpmddasein@yahoo.com).

FALL FOR NORTH SIDE FESTIVAL

We're looking forward to hosting the Fall for North Side Festival again this year and hope you'll mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 28, from 3:00-5:00pm**. We're ordering shirts to wear at the festival and to share our love for North Side. We'll take orders through September 14 with pickup on September 21, and order forms are available at the Connection Point and at www.munsey.org/festival. Shirts are \$10, and you can also donate to purchase one for someone else. We're also excited to add door prizes for North Side families at the festival this year and will be collecting gift cards to fast food restaurants, Walmart, and donations to purchase them. If you or your small group would like to donate, please let Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) know. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities the day of the event as well!

WESLEY FOUNDATION MEAL

The fall semester has started back at ETSU, and once again Munsey will provide for a meal for the Wesley Foundation the second Tuesday of the month from September through December: September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9. As of right now, we plan to prepare for approximately 40 students, which could change during the semester. The meal is served at 8:00pm after their worship service, with drinks and paper products furnished by Wesley Foundation. Food can be dropped off any time after 6:00pm. If any Sunday School class, group, or individual would like to help, please contact Pat Barnett at 423-737-8011 or gpatsy2@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting this vital campus ministry!

YOU ARE INVITED - POINT OF GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Point of Grace Sunday School class is excited to start a new seven-week journey on September 14 with a compelling study called "A Jesus Shaped Life: How Diving Deeper into Theology Can Transform Us and Our World with the Radical Kindness of God" by Lisa Harper. We warmly invite you to join us every Sunday at 10:00am in Room LL6.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Thank you so much for your wonderful gifts during our 5th Sunday offering. Thanks to the generosity of caring people like you, we raised \$1,586.65 for Taylor Memorial UMC on S. Roan Street. Your support truly makes a difference, and we are grateful for your generosity!

HOLSTON HOME – FRIENDS OF CHILDREN BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Holston Home for Children (Greeneville, TN) provides hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges. Munsey has long supported Holston Home, and now you have a chance to help individually as well. A "Friends of Holston Home Children" benefit luncheon is planned for **September 30** at First Broad Street UMC in Kingsport, TN. Lunch will be at 11:30am, preceded by a social hour at 11:00am. The program is at 12:00pm with guest speaker Darrell Fowler, Chick-fil-A owner/operator in Johnson City, TN. RSVP by September 23 to Susan at 423-787-8753 or email SusanBernier@HolstonHome.org. For more information on Holston Home, please contact Karen Peko at ktpeko@hotmail.com.

MELTING POT – SOUP NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

Will you help us keep the Melting Pot food pantry supplied by picking up a couple cans of soup this week? Soup can be left on the table at the Missions Center near the Connection Point. If you don't like to shop or don't have the time, we are happy to accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you! For more information, or to ask how to help us further please get in touch with Karen Peko at ktpeko@hotmail.com.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise continues to assist homeless families in the Johnson City area. The "Munsey Host week" is **September 7-13** and we are invited to make contributions to the program not only during the host week but at any time during the year. In assisting families, the program staff especially appreciate \$25 and \$50 gift cards for gas and/or groceries, non-perishable snack foods, and housewares such as plates, silverware, bedsheets, pillows, etc. The Family Promise offices are located at 215 W. Watauga Avenue, second floor. Any questions can be directed to Scott Beck at 423-557-4370 or r30scott@etsu.edu.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT UPCOMING HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Munsey is sponsoring a Health and Wellness Resource Fair on **Saturday, September 20, from 8:30am-12:00 noon**. We are partnering with Providence Medical Clinic to provide free medical care to the uninsured in our community. Several community partners that provide housing assistance, job information, free haircuts, clothing, and food are also participating. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks! Please sign-up here to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8AA2EA3F5CF8-58271686-sept>. For more information, please contact Anthony Jackson at anthony.jackson@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.

MUNSEY SPARK

Munsey Spark is our new worship hour kids programming! Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade will start the 11:00am hours sitting with their families for worship, come to the front for the children's message, and then dismiss with a small group leader to the 2nd floor for games, crafts, prayer, and more that build on that day's Sunday School lesson.

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 so all can be in their groups to start at 6:00.

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

SEPTEMBER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Youth Fellowship this month is a movie night on **September 21 from 2:00-4:00pm**. We will meet on the Youth Floor for this cinematic event. 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.

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 AUGUST 31, 2025

August 10 gifts: \$18,489
Weekly need: \$30,577
Difference: **-\$12,097**



AUGUST YEAR TO DATE **-\$156,922**

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

NORTH SIDE PARTNERSHIP
SEPTEMBER 2025

In September we will be collecting hand sanitizer and special event snacks such as water bottles, small bags of chips and candy bars. Donations can be dropped off around the corner from the Connection Point.

