

 **MUNSEY****AUGUST 2022**

MESSENGER

A monthly publication for family and friends of Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church



**"MUNSEY HAS BEEN A PLACE WHERE WE COULD GROW AND LEARN ALONGSIDE OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE HAVE FOUND SO MUCH LOVE AND SUPPORT THROUGH THIS CONGREGATION, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR TIME IN JOHNSON CITY AND AT MUNSEY."
CAITLIN & MICHAEL KING**

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Riders will arrive in time for Sunday School classes and worship and will return home after the 11:00am services. Reservations for bus riders must be received by *Thursday* each week. Please call Cathy Szucs at (423)461-8070 ext. 203.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to honor a loved one or put flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one? The cost is \$100, and there are still many Sundays available in 2022! The cost includes the two arrangements for the altar, and you're welcome to take them home after the service or donate them to the church, and we will ensure they get delivered to a sick/homebound/hospitalized member. Please contact Cathy Szucs at (423)461-8070 ext. 203.

**LADIES' LUNCH**

We're celebrating a year of monthly lunches together! All ladies are welcome to join us on **Monday, August 22 at noon** at Holy Taco North, and we look forward to lunch and fellowship. Please contact Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) to reserve a seat!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY

We're so excited for the new school year and will celebrate with Back-to-School Sunday on **August 7!** We look forward to welcoming our children and youth to their new Sunday School classes for this year, and we will also celebrate our Munsey Preschool and Kindergarten in worship that morning. We invite all students and educators to bring their backpacks, work bags, or briefcases to the service they attend to be blessed during worship.

CAITLIN & MICHAEL KING FAREWELL

August 7 will be the final Sunday at Munsey for Caitlin King. Caitlin will be moving to Indiana to begin her chaplaincy training, and Michael King, who previously served on our Youth Staff, will join her when he completes his work at the VA. We will have a drop-in reception in the Gathering Place in their honor on **August 7 after the 11:00 worship**, and will present them with 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 and have tables and chairs under tents in the parking lot as well as seating in the gym. Please RSVP online (www.munsey.org/rsvp) or call Cathy Szucs at (423)461-8070 ext. 203 by August 7. We can't wait to be together in fellowship with our Munsey family!

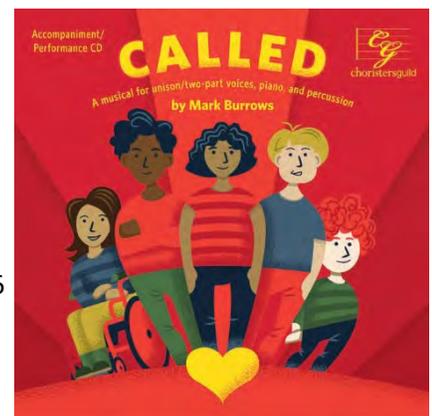
FALL FOR NORTH SIDE FESTIVAL

We're looking forward to hosting the Fall for North Side Festival again this year, and we're especially excited that it lines up with the school's 100th-year celebration! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 25, from 3:00-5:00pm**. Our biggest needs this year will be for volunteers on the day of the event and donations to provide shirts for all students and staff, so stay tuned for more info on how you can help!

YOU ARE CALLED!

This semester, our children and youth will be working to present the musical "Called," by composer Mark Burrows. Now is a great time for all our Munsey children and youth to take part in this exciting new musical about what it means to be a child of God. We are all called to worship, serve, and make a difference in the world. This musical affirms that God has placed something beautiful in everyone and is calling us to share it with the world! Through Burrows' honest, humorous storytelling and memorable musical numbers, we all will feel empowered to live lives worthy of the calling we have received. There is a role for everyone to play including speaking, singing, acting, prop making, and tech. Plan to join us for rehearsals on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm** (age 3 through 4th grade), and **Sunday evenings at 5:30pm** (HWY 56 -youth) **August 14 & 17**. Our Munsey families and congregation can plan to join us for our presentation of the musical on **Sunday, October 2** in the Christian Life Center.

More information to come! In the meantime, check out the preview online at <https://youtu.be/oqxZqBF032c>.

**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 to share with us each week. To be part of the class, please register online (www.munsey.org/rsvp) and contact Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) if you have any questions.

There was a *Peanuts* cartoon years ago in which Lucy asked Charlie Brown if he has ever known anybody who was really happy? Before she could finish her sentence, however, Snoopy, the precocious beagle, came dancing on tip-toe, his nose high in the air. He danced and bounced his way across two frames of the cartoon strip. Finally, in the last frame, Lucy finished her sentence, "Have you ever known anybody who was really happy and was still in their right mind?"

Psychology Today magazine sent questionnaires to 52,000 subscribers in an effort to determine what life experiences make people happy. One subscriber wrote back and asked to see the results of the survey. "I think I am happy," he said, "Would you please verify?"

And so, I ask you: Is there anybody who is really happy? The short reply is that Jesus certainly seemed to think so.

For the past few weeks, Associate Pastor Beth Sullivan and I have been sharing with you in a sermon series on the Beatitudes found in St. Matthew chapter five that we entitled "**The How of Happiness: 8 Principles for Powerful Living!**"

What is Jesus seeking to communicate to us about the nature of happiness in these eight moving statements? Join us in worship each Sunday this month to find out more. Please see the back of the bulletin for details. And make sure and watch for my weekly video message – "The Munsey Moment with Pastor Kip" – on the church website or in your inbox for more ways that we can connect and get to know one another better.

See you soon!

Pastor Kip
Senior Pastor

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

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, noting if they need childcare and ages of children. The class will be offered again in the spring.

Steve Wheeler (steve@munsey.org), (423-461-8070 ext. 209), Director of Missions

MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION TEAM

The Mexico Medical Mission team will send a team to Ixtapec Oct. 1-9. Covid has stalled the mission teams for the past two years. We invite you to join our Spring 2023 team which will be going to Ixtapec and Totaxca. We need doctors, nurses, and support personnel in this effective outreach that supports medical care in the remote, outlying mountainous area of Puebla, Central Mexico. For more information contact: Dr. Paul E. Brown, Jr. (423-612-0005).

FREEDOM GLOBAL

Since 2010, Munsey has been a faithful partner and supporter of Freedom Global Ministries and Uhuru Academy. Now more than ever that support is crucial. Over the past 12 years, Uhuru Academy has grown to become the strongest private school in the region. However, in the midst of staggering inflation and a new government requirement that all high schools add two more grade levels, Uhuru Academy is facing a critical financial need. The school is in dire need of new classrooms, dormitories, and \$50,000 annually to cover added student expenses.

Under the leadership of Brad Brown, Freedom Global has launched a new fundraising campaign. If you have questions or would like to make a contribution, please contact Lindy Kinser at mlkinser580@gmail.com. You can also contact Freedom Global at: (919)964-1977 or info@freedomglobal.org. **Donations can be mailed to: P.O. Box 51373 Durham, NC 27717, or online: www.FreedomGlobal.org.**

CZECH MISSION TEAM

This year's camp in Litoměřice, Czech Republic was a huge success. Our team of seven (Bailey Townsend, Zak Wilgus, Molly Wilgus, Jack Bemby, Miles Bemby, Nathan Wade, and Jason Bemby) worked with the Czech leaders July 10-16 to create a super camp experience for about 70 kids from the area. We played softball, soccer, and flag football, along with sharing daily devotions with the group centered on the theme of "renewal."

Our group also performed the Czech Hymn entitled *Otče Naš* ("Our Father") in church on Sunday, and Jason Bemby preached the sermon. We had some time to tour Prague and visit Terezin, a site used as a concentration camp during WWII. All in all, the week went well and we are happy to share our experience with any Sunday school classes over the next month or so. As always, we want to thank everyone at Munsey for your continued support of this mission. If you have any questions, contact Jason Bemby at jabemby@milligan.edu.



AUGUST is the month of:

CLOROX WIPES & KLEENEX

Please bring donations to the bin around the corner from the CONNECTION POINT.

NORTH SIDE ELEMENTARY — A GREAT PLACE TO BE!

Eli Broad once said, "You can have great teachers, but if you don't have a good principal, you won't have a good school." As most of you know, Sharon Pickering has been the awesome Principal at North Side for many years, and it had to be a difficult job to pick a new leader of this wonderful school. However, it is evident that the choice the school board approved will be an outstanding one.

Dr. Allecia Frizzell grew up in central Florida and received her BA in Elementary Ed and her MA in Education from the University of Florida. She taught Elementary Ed in Florida even after her parents moved to East Tennessee due to their experience with Hurricane Charlie. She and her family moved to Boones Creek in 2008. She taught Pre-K through 5th Grade Special Education for Kingsport City schools and middle school special education in Washington County. There, she also held positions as Special Ed Data and Curriculum Coordinator and Special Ed Supervisor. For the last four years, she has been Assistant Principal at Indian Trail in the Johnson City school system. In addition, in 2018, she received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Besides being in education for 19 years, she also has been married to her husband, Jake, for 15 years. They have a son who will be entering Science Hill this year and a daughter who will be in 6th grade at Indian Trail.

We at Munsey wish Dr. Frizzell the best of luck in this new position. We know she will help make North Side Elementary a great place to be!

---Susanna Chinouth



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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 7 is Back-to-School Sunday at Munsey, and we look forward to welcoming our children to their new Sunday School classes for this year! Preschool children will be directed by Ms. Katie to their new classroom in the preschool hallway. First graders through fourth graders will gather in room 209 on the children's floor, and Ms. Kristi will greet you and help you find your new area. Fifth and sixth graders will head to room 210 for HWY 56 Sunday School. Also on **August 7**, please bring your backpack to the service you attend for the Blessing of the Backpacks. This is for children, youth, teachers, and anyone else who would like to bring their backpack, work bag, or briefcase to be blessed for the upcoming year.

CHURCH PICNIC AND 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 the welcome extends to the rest of our Munsey family as well for a time of fellowship. We'll provide dinner and popsicles (donations accepted) with tents, tables, and chairs ready to go. Half the parking lot will be full of water play with a giant water slide, splash pools, water squirters, and more. The other half will have games, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles. Please wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. We can't wait to kick off a new school year with fun, food, and fellowship! Please RSVP at www.munsey.org/rsvp by August 7 so we will have plenty of food!

RISING THIRD GRADERS AND RISING KINDERGARTENERS

We are making plans to present our rising 3rd graders and our rising Kindergarteners with their very own Bibles and Bible Storybooks in mid-August. If you have a child this age, please contact Kristi or Katie (let us know how you would like the Bibles to be inscribed). We also want to make sure that any children who are new to Munsey who didn't receive a Bible in 3rd grade or a Bible storybook in Kindergarten are included, so please let us know those names as well. Bibles will be presented on **August 21** during the worship service of your choice.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Beginning in August, we hope all of our children will join us for a new year of Wednesday nights at Munsey. On **Wednesday, August 10**, we hope that all of our Munsey families will join us in the upper Christian Life Center parking lot beginning at **6:00pm** for our Church Picnic and Back-to-School Kickoff. Regular children's activities will begin August 17, and all children's programming will take place from **6:00-7:00pm**. Keep an eye on the August Family Ministries newsletter and our Munsey Children's Ministry Facebook page for more details.

HELP WANTED (AND NEEDED)!

We are looking for additional volunteers to help in Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings beginning in August. From hospitality greeters to teachers to shepherds, we have many opportunities for folks to help. Whether you are able to help once in a while, once a month, one month at a time, or whatever frequency works for you, we would love to talk to you about getting involved! We also ask that you help by keeping our Munsey Kids and their families in your prayers as they learn and grow into the special people God created them to be!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Mentor and care for an incoming or returning student this fall. Munsey has an excellent opportunity to share God's love by encouraging them through:

- Phone Call
- Text
- Meal
- Gift basket



WESLEY FOUNDATION STUDENTS

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JOHN.REDMOND@MUNSEY.ORG
FOR MORE INFO

YOUTH **M** MUNSEY YOUTH MINISTRIES

Caitlin King (caitlin@munsey.org), Director of Youth Ministries

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY

On **August 7** we will welcome our rising 7th graders on the Youth Floor for Sunday School! We hope all students will join us for refreshments at 9:45am and then for class from 10-10:45am!

CONFIRMAND & PARENT MEETING

On **Sunday, August 7** during the Sunday school hour our Confirmands and their parents will meet in the Chapel at 10:00am for an informational meeting for the Confirmation year!

GOODBYE RECEPTION FOR THE KINGS

We hope you will come by the Gathering Place after late worship on **August 7** to say goodbye to Michael and Caitlin as they prepare to head to Indiana!

POOL PARTY KICK-OFF

We will kick off the school year with a Pool Party for all of our youth & volunteers on **August 7 from 5:00-7:00pm** at the Seeley household! Barberitos is for dinner, and youth shirts will be handed out! Bring your swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen. Pick up and drop off will be at the Seeleys'. For directions or to RSVP, contact Caitlin.

CHURCH PICNIC

We hope to see all of our youth at our Church Picnic on **Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00pm!** Food is provided! RSVP online (www.munsey.org/rsvp) by August 7, or you may call Cathy Szucs at the church office at (423-461-8070 ext. 203).

LIFE GROUPS BEGIN AUGUST 17

Life Groups start back up on the Youth Floor on **Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm on 8/17!** 7th-12th graders are invited to meet on the Youth Floor at 6:00pm and we will help you find your group!

PRAYER BREAKFAST BEGINS AUGUST 11

We invite all high school students to meet us on Thursday mornings at the W. Market Chick-fil-A for Prayer Breakfast from **6:30-7:00am beginning August 11.** Rides to school are not provided, so please be sure you have a ride to school. Let Caitlin know if you have any questions!

A NOTE FROM CAITLIN

I want to thank each of you for your love and support over the last 4.5 years at Munsey. We are so grateful we have been able to grow alongside each of you & build so many wonderful relationships. I am excited for what is next for Munsey Youth because I know God has great plans for this incredible crew! Don't hesitate to let us know if you are ever in Indiana!



CONGRATULATIONS:

- to Avery and Zeke Clark on the birth of a son, Gentry Charles Clark, July 22. The proud grandparents are Ron and Rebecca Banton.
- to Chris and Dr. Mary Hannah Read on the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Grace Read, July 21. Proud Munsey great-grandmother is Caroline Lockett.

SYMPATHY:

- to Jeff and Jana Banyas, and sons, Bradley and his wife Sarah, and Matt upon the death of Jana's father, John Robert Hunter, July 30 in Clarksville, TN.



GIVING IS EASY!

***OFFERING PLATE (cash or check)**

***ONLINE - MUNSEY.ORG/GIVE**

***BY MAIL - PO Box 1336, Johnson City, TN 37605**

**for more info., contact Madeline Becker,
madeline@munsey.org, (423)461-8070 ext. 229*

A LOOK AT YOUR GIFTS

	7/3/22	7/10/22	7/17/22	7/24/22
Budget Offering	\$58,718	\$29,581	\$30,328	\$14,758
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$32,432				
Capital Campaign	\$1,138	\$681	\$765	\$230
Missions Offering	\$1,585	\$1,435	\$10,185	\$500
Pastor's Discretionary	\$106	\$80	\$135	\$55
Online Viewership	213	366	325	283
In-Person Worship	248	315	309	329

SHEPHERD'S BREAKFAST COMPANIONS

- August 6: Cooking companions needed!!**
- August 13: Redeemer Church**
- August 20: Virgil Anderson Class**
- August 27: Wesley Class**

We continue to practice safe guidelines.

To serve or to learn more about our Saturday morning ministry for our downtown neighbors, Contact steve@munsey.org.

**September Messenger Deadline:
August 23**



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WORSHIP AT MUNSEY— AUGUST SERMON SCHEDULE

AUGUST 7	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 28
<p>The How of Happiness: 8 Principles for Powerful Living 5. Happy are the Mercy Makers <i>Matthew 5:1-7; Titus 3:4-7</i></p>	<p>The How of Happiness: 8 Principles for Powerful Living 6. Happy are the Pure in Heart <i>Matthew 5:1-8; Psalm 51:10-13</i></p>	<p>The How of Happiness: 8 Principles for Powerful Living 7. Happy are the Peacemakers <i>Matthew 5:1-9; Romans 12:15-21</i></p>	<p>The How of Happiness: 8 Principles for Powerful Living 8. Happy are the Harassed <i>Matthew 5:1-10</i></p>
<p>9:00am & 11:00am Sanctuary Beth Sullivan preaching</p>	<p>9:00am & 11:00am Sanctuary Kip Laxson preaching</p>	<p>9:00am & 11:00am Sanctuary Kip Laxson preaching</p>	<p>9:00am & 11:00am Sanctuary Kip Laxson preaching</p>
<p>11:00am Journey Kip Laxson preaching</p>	<p>11:00am Journey Beth Sullivan preaching</p>	<p>11:00am Journey Beth Sullivan preaching</p>	<p>11:00am Journey Beth Sullivan preaching</p>
<p>11:00am Open Door So Many Questions: A Question About Identity <i>Luke 16:19-21</i> Steve Wheeler preaching</p>	<p>11:00am Open Door So Many Questions: A Question About Compassion <i>Luke 7:36-50</i> Steve Wheeler preaching</p>	<p>11:00am Open Door So Many Questions: A Question From the Cross <i>Matthew 27:45-50</i> Steve Wheeler preaching</p>	<p>11:00am Open Door Caleb Frazier preaching</p>

We seek to Honor God as we
 INVITE people to Christ,
 CARE for our neighbors,
 GROW as disciples, and
 SEND people forth to
 share the Good News.

