



# MUNSEY UPDATE

JANUARY 28, 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](http://www.munsey.org/connect) or our Munsey app to fill out your card electronically.

## WEEKLY GROUPS AND STUDIES

### WHEN HOLY GROUND BECOMES A BATTLE GROUND: THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM, WINTER SYMPOSIUM

Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson is leading a study on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Christian Life Center Gym entitled *When Holy Ground Becomes a Battle Ground: The Rise of Anti-Semitism*. It's not too late to sign up for this exciting study at <https://munsey.org/rsvp>, by using the Munsey app, or calling the church office (423-461-8070, ext. 201).

### WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Our Women's Study Group, led by Heather Lunsford and Amanda Onks, 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](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)) know if you have questions or need childcare.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

We have programs for all ages from **6:00-7:15pm 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. More information on specific programs is available in our Messenger and Family Ministries Newsletter.

### MUNSEY MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Munsey Men's Prayer Group meets **Thursday mornings at 6:30am** in the Christian Life Center Meeting Room. We invite all men of the church to join us for study, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, please email Bill Darden ([billdarden7@aol.com](mailto:billdarden7@aol.com)).

### BUS RIDERS

We are grateful for those who serve in our bus ministry to provide rides to church on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know would like a ride to church, please call the Connection Point (423-461-8070, ext. 201) before Thursday at 10:00am each week a ride is needed.

### CHURCH COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

We're grateful to begin a new year of leadership with our 2024 Church Council and will commission them in worship **today**. We have such a wonderful group of leaders who help guide the ministries of Munsey Church, and we look forward to recognizing them in worship together.

### WESLEY FOUNDATION

The ETSU Wesley Foundation started a new semester on January 16, and we have the opportunity to furnish a meal once a month for their Tuesday night meetings. We need meals for 2/13, 3/5, and 4/9. Last semester, there were approximately 35-40 students attending. If a Sunday School or any group would like to furnish food or donate funds for this mission, please contact Pat Barnett at 423-737-8011 or [gpatsy2@gmail.com](mailto:gpatsy2@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### MISSION TRIP TO WILLOW ALASKA

We are excited to share an opportunity for a mission trip to Willow, AK as a part of one of Holston Conference's extension ministries. This mission will take place in June, with actual work taking place in Willow **June 18-23**. Work will include restocking wood for the firewood ministry, painting the parsonage and possible other jobs, depending on skill level of the participants. Travel to and from the area will take place before and after those dates. Cost of the trip will be \$500 per person plus the cost of airfare/travel, which is the responsibility of each participant. There will be an informal meeting **today** in the Gathering Place to answer additional questions and provide more information. Please email John Redmond ([john.redmond@munsey.org](mailto:john.redmond@munsey.org)) or Dave Culberson ([dgculberson@gmail.com](mailto:dgculberson@gmail.com)) if you are interested in learning more.

### FREEDOM GLOBAL MISSION TRIP

Freedom Global is planning a mission trip to help the Uhuru Academy. It's the #1 girls' school in Kenya, and they are moving into a larger facility! This is an exciting time, but they need lots of hands. Come meet the students, share your faith, and put on your handyman skills to paint and repair. End your trip with a safari to see Africa in the wild. Our leader will be Brad Brown, CEO of Freedom Global and Uhuru Academy. The dates for this trip are **March 15 - 24, 2024**. The cost will be **\$3,850**, and we have scholarships available for \$500 per person. The deadline for signing up is **February 5**. If you are interested or have any questions, call Lindy Kinser (423-537-6793) or Dr. Paul Brown (423-612-0005).

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

This year's Mexico mission team will go to Ixtepec, Puebla, Mexico from **April 20-28**. This will be a medical mission group. Currently we need MDs, PAs, NPs, Pharmacists and Nurses. The cost will be \$1,000 plus air, which at this time is \$750. Munsey hopes to scholarship \$500 of that cost. Contact Dr. Paul Brown at 423-612-0005 for more information.

SYMPATHY

The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Tiffany and Darian Chancellor and their family upon the death of Tiffany's grandmother, Betty Huddleston of Butler, TN, on January 19.

HELP NEEDED

Munsey's Children's Ministry is in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School, greet and check in elementary kids on Sunday mornings, and assist with the HWY Jr. Life Group on Wednesday evenings from 6:25pm - 7:15pm. If you are interested in learning about these rewarding and lifegiving volunteer positions, contact Katie Jackson at [katie@munsey.org](mailto:katie@munsey.org).

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

The application for Munsey scholarships is at [munsey.org/youth.ministries](http://munsey.org/youth.ministries); upload your transcript and submit online. You must be a Munsey member to apply. The deadline for online submission is **January 31, 2024**. Contact Gayle Hughes, Chair of the Scholarship Committee ([jimgayleth@gmail.com](mailto:jimgayleth@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

HOLSTON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN BUILD

Holston Habitat for Humanity is hosting Women Build dates in January and February to provide an opportunity for women to serve in their community. Volunteers will work under the guidance of construction professionals and alongside other volunteers to build a home for a family in Kingsport. Any woman who wants to participate is invited, and no experience is necessary. Registration is at <https://holstonhabitat/post/2024-wome-build>. We would love to have Munsey women sign up with their small groups or Sunday School classes to build together!

CHURCH EMAIL LIST

We're working to make sure our church-wide contact list is up to date. If you would like to receive Munsey emails but don't currently receive them, please email Ed Temple ([edt@munsey.org](mailto:edt@munsey.org)) to be added to the list.



OPEN DOOR WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

We need Sunday School classes to help cook food or bring it pre-cooked. To help in other ways, please see the QR code. Worship is also a great time to interact and love on our downtown community. For more information, please contact John Redmond at [john.redmond@munsey.org](mailto:john.redmond@munsey.org).

PASTOR KIP'S PODCASTS

Pastor Kip has three podcasts available:

1. "United We Stand: What it means to be United Methodist"
2. "Preaching Now," featuring Sunday Sermons
3. "Faith Matters Today" for theology and biblical studies

All podcasts can be found on Spotify, iTunes, Podbean, the Munsey website and other podcasting platforms.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH & HWY 56 LUNCH

On February 4, 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to make their own pizza and play board games together! We'll meet on the Youth floor after late worship to hang out from 12:00-2:00pm. RSVP to Katie or Amy by February 1 if you plan to attend.

CHILDREN

Katie Jackson ([katie@munsey.org](mailto:katie@munsey.org)), Director of Children's Ministries

DROP IN RECEPTION

There will be a drop-in reception honoring Kristi Estes Bowman, former Director of Older Children's Ministry at Munsey, in the Gathering Place Sunday, February 4, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Those wishing to give a love offering to Kristi may bring it that day.

YOUTH

Amy Brown ([amy.brown@munsey.org](mailto:amy.brown@munsey.org)), Director of Youth Ministries

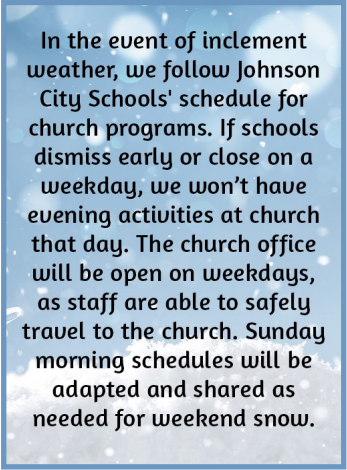
WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- **Sunday School** from 10:00am -10:45am; refreshments

are served at 9:45am

- **Life Groups** on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm -7:15pm
- **Prayer Breakfast** at Chick-fil-A W. Market Street, Thursday mornings at 6:30am for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

*Please see our Family Ministries Newsletter for more Children and Youth information. It's available in our brochure racks, our website and on the Munsey app.*



CHURCH OFFERING WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

January 21 gifts: \$12,966  
Weekly need: \$29,970  
Difference: **-\$17,004**  
December YTD: **\$12,181**  
(December had a 5 year high in contributions due to your very generous gifts. Thank you!)



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12 MONTHS OF GIVING WITH NORTH SIDE

