

MESSENGER

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



“Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

Psalm 106:1

PRAY TOGETHER: SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE PRAYER VIGIL

As delegates meet at Lake Junaluska to prayerfully elect bishops during the upcoming Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, November 2-4, 2022, you are invited to be part of a prayer vigil. You can sign up to pray in 30-minute segments during each day of the conference at www.holston.org/post/prayer-vigil-for-sej-17057905. Please find a quiet place at your home or church to pray during your designated time. The theme of the conference, "This I Know", is from Mark 12:28-31. Prayerfully read and meditate on this scripture passage reflecting on ways that you, your local church, and churches throughout Holston and the Southeast Jurisdiction can more faithfully love God and one another.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 6 is All Saints' Sunday at Munsey and in churches throughout the world. It is a time when we remember and give thanks for those of our church family who have died during the past year and who have joined the great cloud of witnesses that surround us. The names of those who have died since last year at All Saints' will be read, bells will be rung, and we will light a candle in their memory. It is a high and holy day in the life of the church. It is also appropriate, as the series of sermons on The Apostles' Creed continues that we consider that phrase, "I believe in the communion of saints" and what that means to us as the body of Christ gathered. Come and share in this great time of worship with us.

FALL FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We're having a church-wide Fall Fellowship Meal in our Christian Life Center Gym on Sunday, November 13 at **5:00pm** before the Memorial Concert, and hope you'll be there! The menu includes baked spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks, with gluten-free and vegetarian options available. Donations will be accepted. Please RSVP by November 9 at www.munsey.org/rsvp or call the church office. We look forward to enjoying fellowship with one another!

MEMORIAL CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 13

The Chancel Choir, ETSU Brass ensemble, and Organist Matthew Brickey will join together in a concert that will follow our Munsey Church Fall Fellowship Meal on Sunday, November 13 at **7:00pm** in the sanctuary. The concert, entitled "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing," will be a time of celebration and hope, reminding us that there is a great chorus that unites us together in song every time we sing – voices throughout the world and beyond. This concert is open to the public without cost and all are invited to attend.

OPEN DOOR SERVICE—NEW TIME IN NOVEMBER!

Starting **November 6**, the Open Door Worship service in the Melting Pot will begin at **9:00am**. Coffee and pastries will be available from 8:30-9:00am, and brunch will be served at the conclusion of the service.

LADIES' LUNCH

All ladies are welcome to join us **Monday, November 14 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!

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION

We have an opening for an additional housekeeping position, Monday-Thursday, 30 hours per week, 8:30am-3:30pm, and the position also involves helping with setups. Applicants may send resumes to Frank Malinovsky (frank@munsey.org) or contact him for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to honor a loved one or put flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one? There has been a price decrease; **altar flowers are now \$85**, and there are still many Sundays available in 2022! Please call Cathy Szucs (423-461-8070 ext. 203) for more information.

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

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

WESLEY FOUNDATION TUESDAY NIGHT MEALS

We're looking for a Sunday School class, small group, or individual who will provide a Tuesday night meal for the ETSU Wesley Foundation either **2/7/23, 3/7/23, 4/4/23, or 5/2/23**. Please contact Pat Barnett (423-737-8011) for more details. Thank you!

MUNSEY SPOTLIGHT

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY MOMENT

Heather Lunsford is a co-leader in our Women's Study Group that meets on Monday mornings and shares her experience in the group.

"This summer I was approached with an opportunity to co-lead the Monday morning women's group. This opportunity has been such a wonderful experience. I have not only grown in my relationship with God, but made connections and friendships with an amazing group of women. Monday morning has quickly become the highlight of my week. I look forward to stepping into other service opportunities in the future."



I recall being a Cub Scout attending a meeting in the basement of the United Methodist Church where I was born and raised. We had a special speaker for some reason, and while I do not remember what he spoke about, I do remember clearly something he did.

He showed us a handful of Tootsie Rolls and said that we could have one if we liked. We all jumped up, got a Tootsie Roll, and then returned to our circle sitting on the floor feeling rather special. That is until he said that only two scouts bothered to say 'thank you!' I was embarrassed and mortified, for I had not been one of those who did so. This was a lesson that would stay with me for the rest of my life.

I think this captured my attention because I grew up in a family that emphasized the importance of expressing gratitude – writing thank you notes, hostess gifts, house-warmings, always saying "please and thank you," along with "yes ma'am" were all expectations in our household. My mother lived with the Bible in one hand and *Amy Vanderbilt's Complete Book of Etiquette* in the other. She was convinced that the Gospel and good manners go hand-in-hand.

You know what? We all could do with a few reminders about what it means to be gracious and thankful people. As *Thanksgiving Day* approaches, perhaps you will welcome a host of family for a scrumptious dinner of turkey and dressing, followed by football and togetherness. But, in the midst of all the fun, allow me to offer you a childhood blessing that can be said in unison at your family Thanksgiving dinner table:

*"We thank you God for happy hearts,
For rain and sunny weather;
We thank you God for this our food
And that we are together."*

This month will bring the final two messages in my current sermon series – **The Apostles' Creed: What it Means, and Why it Matters**, a special sermon for Thanksgiving, and the beginning of the season of Advent. It is going to be an exciting month! I really hope you will join me for worship this Sunday and bring a friend with you! See you soon!

Pastor Kip
Senior Pastor

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

MUNSEY MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Munsey Men's Prayer Group meets **Thursday mornings at 6:30am** in the Christian Life Center Meeting Room. As we begin our 14th year of Bible study and prayer, we invite all men of the church to join us for study, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, please email Bill Darden at billdarden7@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

We have programs for all ages from **6:00-7:00pm** each Wednesday! If you would like to bring dinner with you before programs begin, tables are available around the gym floor from 5:30-6:00pm. More information on groups and locations is available on our church website. **We won't have any programs on November 23 due to Thanksgiving.**

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Our women's study group, led by Amanda Onks and Heather Lunsford, meets Monday mornings from **9:30-11:00am** in the Gathering Place. We'll begin an Advent study on November 14. Contact Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) if you need childcare or have questions. All women are welcome.



We will decorate the worship venues with beautiful red poinsettias again this year. Give a poinsettia in honor/memory of a loved one. **Cost is \$11 per plant.** Plants will be available to pick-up immediately following the late worship service on Christmas Eve. Deadline for ordering is **Monday, December 12.** Please return this form **with your payment** to the Connection Point, in the offering plate, or mail to PO Box 1336, Johnson City, TN 37605. Make checks payable to Munsey and write "poinsettias" in the memo line.

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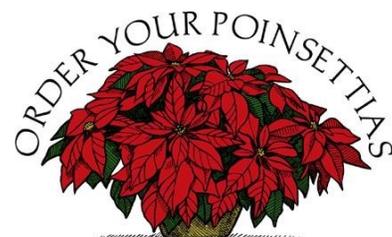
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MISSIONS

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

YOU CAME! YOU SAW!! YOU PACKED!!!

Wednesday, October 19, we held our annual Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. And you answered the call, 160 strong.

Last year we packed 20,000 meals which were part of the 17 million meals that Rise Against Hunger distributed globally. Thanks to your efforts, this year we were able to reach our goal of 25,000 meals and you did it in two hours. Well done! Now for next year, can we do 30,000 meals?



---Steve Wheeler, Director of Missions



NECX CHRISTMAS PARTY

Give yourself the gift of the blessing of the prison party! **Thursday, December 1**, we will be going to the NECX (Northeast Correctional Complex) in Mountain City for the annual Christmas party. Volunteers are needed to help with worship, Holy Communion, serve the meal, and distribute gifts. We will leave the Christian Life Center parking lot at 4:00pm and return at about 9:00pm. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 6.** For more information or to sign up, please contact Neal Francisco (423-957-9160 or cnealfran@centurylink.net) or Steve Wheeler.

NORTH SIDE ELEMENTARY ---A GREAT PLACE TO BE!

John F. Kennedy once said, "We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." Twice a year, Munsey gives a luncheon for the teachers and staff to thank them for the support and love they give the students at North Side. If you take the time to visit the school, you will be amazed at the happy and well-behaved students who walk down the hall. The welcoming atmosphere is next to none!

To celebrate the amazing faculty and staff, we sponsored a Chick-Fil-A box lunch for 75 people. The tables were decorated with seasonal flowers. These, along with a main floral centerpiece and five \$10 gift cards to Books-a-Million were door prizes for the attendees. This event is always a treat for the staff, and the smiles and words of gratitude from them made this a wonderful occasion.

Thanks to the generous donations to Local Missions through Faith Promise, we can do this biannual luncheon. Thanks to Steve Wheeler, Jo Hemphill, Karen Deakins, Melinda Page, and Rick Chinouth for helping in serving this meal. Thank you, Munsey, for helping to make North Side a great place to be!

---Susanna Chinouth



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

October brought a much-anticipated return to children's/youth music presentations at Munsey. Our three-year-olds through high school students spent many weeks in busy rehearsals, learning songs and speaking parts in preparation to present the musical "Called." Many also spent countless hours singing along to the music and rehearsing lines at home and on car rides as they prepared for the musical. We feel certain those who attended would agree that their hard work definitely paid off! The voices and smiles of our children and students resonated through the Christian Life Center as they helped us learn how God has placed something beautiful in everyone through our gifts, talents, and interests. Their songs highlighted the truth that we are all worthy to live out God's call of sharing those qualities with the world, regardless of our age or stage in life. These kids truly helped lead and inspire us all through their words and their music.



It's never too late for your child to jump into the various music offerings at Munsey and become active participants in leading our church through music. Three-year-olds through fourth graders participate in music rehearsals Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm, and 5th-12th graders participate in choir and handbell rehearsals Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm. We have a wonderful time together, laughing and sharing our gifts and talents with friends!

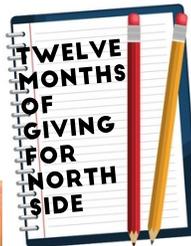
---Katie and Kristi

NORTH SIDE TEACHER TREE

We're grateful to host a North Side Teacher Tree again this holiday season to show love and appreciation for the staff at North Side and know it will be welcomed this year more than ever. Beginning November 13, we'll 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 11, with the staff member's name on it. You don't need 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!

CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN

Camp Bays Mountain is hosting their Christmas Camp December 9-10, with day (1st-9th graders) and overnight options (3rd-9th graders)! Registration is at www.campbaysmountain.com/christmas-camp-2022, Please let Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) know if a scholarship is helpful to cover registration for your Munsey camper.



NOVEMBER is the month of:
MONETARY DONATIONS to purchase Thanksgiving hams & food boxes.
Please make checks payable to Munsey & write "Thanksgiving hams & food boxes" on the memo line.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th!



MUNSEY YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

YOUTH INFORMATION

We have many great activities for 7th-12th graders! Youth Sunday School and Life Groups meet each week for all students, and Prayer Breakfast each Thursday for high schoolers. Once a month, we have Jr. High Pick-Up for middle schoolers. Please see our November Family Ministries Newsletter for information about all our activities!

MUNSEY YOUTH MINISTRY MOMENT

Caroline Hale is an 8th grader and she shares her experience: "What we do in youth group varies. Sometimes we have fun games like basketball and volleyball. Other times we talk about God and our daily life. Usually, we write or make things for people in jail or people who have lost a loved one. I have enjoyed youth and my experience."



Kairos Cookie Baking



Jr. High Pickup



Kairos Cookie Baking



Jr. High Pickup—Paradise Acres

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

John Redmond (john.redmond@munsey.org), Director of Outreach and Young Adult Ministries

ADOPT-A-BUC

Adopt-a-Buc is an opportunity for our church community to be paired with college students during the upcoming school year. This one-year commitment is a way for us to provide support, encouragement, and guidance for students who attend our church. Matches will be notified by phone or email throughout the year. It's not too late to sign up on our website at munsey.org/college, or scan the QR code below. If you have questions, please contact John Redmond at John.Redmond@munsey.org. Thanks and go Bucs!



To Adopt-A-Buc, You may scan this QR code to register your information and get started!

ETSU WESLEY FOUNDATION/ADOPT-A-BUC

"There are very few ways for a grandmother to meet and get to know and to learn from a college student. Munsey's connection with ETSU's Wesley Foundation students provided me that opportunity, and I am blessed to know Layne, to worship with her in The Journey, and to share meals and other activities together. Thanks Munsey Church for getting us together!"
---Trish Patterson

MEN'S COMMUNITY GROUP

"Men's group is the highlight of my evening. It's a great group of guys communing together and with the Spirit. We cover discipleship, Church tradition, history, philosophy, and working out our salvation with fear and trembling, sometimes all in the same week."
---Jad Davis



Men's Community Group

CONGRATULATIONS:

- to Luke Barnett, who graduated from North Carolina State at Chapel Hill, NC in October with an MBA. Grandmother is Betty Jo Mahoney; mother is Maura Barnett.

SYMPATHY:

- to Carol Cagle and her children Michael Cagle (Catherine), Leslie Cagle Nelson (Rob), and Sarah Cagle Colvin (Jacob) and their families upon the death of her husband, Robert Cagle, October 4.
- to Beth Kopp, Joseph and Kate Kopp Zimmerman upon the recent death of Beth's son, Karl.
- to the family of Fred Gigler, who died October 12.
- to Carlene Eastridge, Mike and Angie Eastridge, Brad Eastridge, and Karen and Chuck Short upon the death of their husband and father, The Reverend J. Vance Eastridge, October 13.
- to Dottie Pennington and her family upon the death of her husband, Dr. Glenn Pennington, October 18.
- to Johnathon and Jennifer Howard, Greyson and Presley Howard, and Nicholas and Caleb Walley upon the death of Johnathon's father, Jack Howard, Sr., October 20.
- to Calvert Williams and Tim and Jonathan Williams upon the death of their husband and father, Edwin Williams, October 22.
- to Simone McClellan and her sons Zachary, Ben, and Samuel Harris upon the death of her father and their grandfather, Roger Wayne McClellan, October 24.



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

	10/2/22	10/9/22	10/16/22	10/23/22
<i>Budget Offering</i>	\$26,948	\$23,141	\$25,634	\$17,130
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$32,432				
<i>Capital Campaign</i>	\$125	\$550	\$160	\$1,463
<i>Missions Offering</i>	885	\$750	\$751	\$4,064
<i>Pastor's Discretionary</i>	\$75	\$55	\$55	\$105
<i>Online Viewership</i>	283	218	219	293
<i>In-Person Worship</i>	299	272	270	343

SHEPHERD'S BREAKFAST COMPANIONS

- Nov. 5:** Milligan LINC
- Nov. 12:** Wesley SS Class
- Nov. 19:** Brown Fellowship
- Nov. 26:** Virgil Anderson 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.

**DECEMBER Messenger Deadline:
NOVEMBER 22**



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WORSHIP AT MUNSEY— NOVEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 6 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
<p>8:45am & 11:00am Sanctuary The Apostles' Creed Can You See Them? <i>Hebrews 11:32-12:2</i> Douglas Grove-DeJarnett preaching</p> <p>11:00am Journey Beth Sullivan preaching</p> <p>**9:00am Open Door Do Justice: BE Just, Kind, Humble <i>Luke 4:17-19</i> Steve Wheeler preaching</p>	<p>8:45am & 11:00am Sanctuary The Apostles' Creed From Here to Eternity <i>Revelations 21:1-7</i> Kip Laxson preaching</p> <p>11:00am Journey Caleb Frazier preaching</p> <p>**9:00am Open Door Love Kindness: BE Just, Kind, Humble <i>Matthew 20:29-34</i> Steve Wheeler preaching</p>	<p>8:45am & 11:00am Sanctuary The Nine People Who Missed Thanksgiving <i>Luke 17:11-19</i> Beth Sullivan preaching</p> <p>11:00am Journey Kip Laxson preaching</p> <p>**9:00am Open Door Walking Humbly: BE Just, Kind, Humble <i>Mark 10:42-45</i> Steve Wheeler preaching</p>	<p>8:45am & 11:00am Sanctuary Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow <i>Luke 2:8-20</i> Kip Laxson preaching</p> <p>11:00am Journey Beth Sullivan preaching</p> <p>**9:00am Open Door Thankful? <i>Luke 17:12-19</i> Steve Wheeler preaching</p>

WORSHIP SERVICES AT MUNSEY

- **The 8:45am Blended Worship in the Sanctuary** includes both contemporary and traditional music.
- **The 11:00am Festive Worship in the Sanctuary** features traditional music with the Chancel Choir.
- **The 11:00am Journey Worship in the Christian Life Center Gym** features contemporary music with the Praise Band.
- ****The 9:00am Open Door Worship (new time)** is held in the **Melting Pot** and is our most informal service. Coffee and pastries will be available from **8:30-9:00am**, and brunch will be served at the conclusion of the service.

*There is Holy Communion at the **8:45am Blended Worship** every week. All other services offer Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.*