

 **MUNSEY**

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FAMILY MINISTRIES

A monthly publication for Munsey Youth and KidMin families



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Munsey offers a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages from 10:00-10:45am with drop-off available at 9:50am. All ages check in on the children's hallway (2nd floor) and then proceed to their respective classes.

PUMPKIN PAINTING & PIZZA PARTY ON THE PLAYGROUND

Munsey Spark preschool and elementary families are invited to stick around after church on **October 18** for a fall hangout! We'll supply the pizza and paintbrushes—you bring the kids ready to play and get creative. In case of rain, the fun moves to the gym. Please let us know you're coming before October 15 at munsey.org/rsvp.



PUMPKIN PAINTING



PIZZA PARTY



(on the playground)



Sunday, October 18



12p. immediately following worship



Munsey Playground

MAKING EVERY MINUTE COUNT: WHAT HAPPENS AT 11:00 A.M. SPARK?

Sunday mornings move quickly. Between balancing family routines, finding lost shoes, and rushing out the door, we know how precious every moment of your family's weekend is. That's why we want to share a little bit of the heart behind 11:00 a.m. Spark—our Sunday morning program for elementary-aged children.

Right after the Children's Moment in the 11:00 worship services, our leaders gather the kids and walk together up to the "Kids Floor" (2nd floor). While it might look like pure fun from the outside (and it certainly is!), 11:00 a.m. Spark is designed with a deeply intentional purpose.

We know we only have a short window of time with your children each week, and we take that opportunity to heart. Spark isn't designed as simple childcare to fill the hour. Instead, it's a focused, engaging space crafted specifically for how elementary kids learn best. Our goal is simple: we never want to bore kids with the Bible.

Each Sunday, we take the morning's Bible story and bring it to life through high-energy games, hands-on crafts, and meaningful group discussions. Everything we do points back to a single "Bottom Line"—a practical, memorable truth that helps kids understand how to follow Jesus and apply God's Word in their everyday lives at school, at home, and on the playground.

Whether your child attends every week or joins us once in a while, please know they are always welcome in our circle. We love getting to walk alongside your family in encouraging your children's faith journey, and we would be honored to have your child join us upstairs this Sunday!

JINGLE JAM – THE ULTIMATE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE!

It's once again time to mark your calendar for the holiday tradition like no other! Forget everything you thought you knew about traditional Christmas pageants and prepare for Jingle Jam—the most exciting, interactive way to celebrate the season together.

We've wrapped up the Christmas story in a high-energy package of side-splitting comedy, festive music, hilarious games, and fun audience participation. It's an unforgettable event designed for *all* families—from our church family to the wider community—offering a joyful way for everyone, from the youngest child to the oldest adult, to connect with the true spirit of Christmas.

Make a brand-new, unforgettable holiday memory with us, **Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center Gym** (following Worship Arts).

And the fun doesn't stop after the main event—stick around for our Christmas After-Party, complete with even more games, crafts, festive treats, and photo opportunities worthy of your annual family Christmas card!

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors – we can't wait to celebrate with you!



FROM THE COVER - THE RAYMENT FAMILY

We have been attending Munsey for about 10 years and enjoy the welcoming family aspect it offers everyone. We were initially invited to visit Munsey, and we have since found it to be a very loving and caring church community for people from all walks of life and all faith backgrounds. Chris grew up in the Catholic church, and Felisia grew up as a Jehovah's Witness. We were looking for a church where both of us felt welcomed with our diverse faith backgrounds and a church to raise our children in. Munsey has offered us that and so much more over the years.

We have found Munsey to be a church that truly cares for its members and anyone looking for a place to be loved as a child of Christ. We have found numerous opportunities for ourselves and our children to serve others through church committees, weekly ushering, being an acolyte, attending KidMin/Youth activities, mission trips to Alaska and other parts of the world, the Melting Pot serving local needs, and many more.

Scope and Sequence

Use this guide to explore our Bible lessons at home each week. *Because what you do at home matters even more than what we do at church.*

October Preschool



Week One

Daniel 3:1-28

God saves Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they stand up to King Nebuchadnezzar.

Week Two

Exodus 1:22-2:10

Moses' mom hides him in a basket, and God sends the Princess of Egypt to take care of him.

Week Three

Genesis 21:14-20

God hears Hagar's son crying in the desert and gives them the water they need.

Week Four

Genesis 6:8-33, 7:1-24, 8:1-9:17

God tells Noah to build a boat, floods the world, and promises to never flood the world again.

This Month's Verse:

"God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 NLT

October Elementary



Week One

Daniel 1

Daniel's Integrity. Bottom line: Be truthful with your whole life.

Week Two

1 John 1:9

No Secrets with God. Bottom line: Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

Week Three

2 Kings 5

Naaman and Elisha's Servant. Bottom line: When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

Week Four

Philippians 4:8

Think on These Things. Bottom line: Focus on what's true.

This Month's Verse:

"Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." Proverbs 17:17 NIV

YOUTH

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday School: meets weekly on the Youth floor at 10:00am, with fellowship and snacks at 9:45am
- Life Groups: Wednesday nights on the Youth floor from 6:00-7:00am
- High School 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 the school, and students need money for breakfast.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

For October, we'll have an all-Youth Fellowship Lock-In on **October 23 from 6:00pm to October 24 at 10:00am** on the Youth Floor. We'll have pizza for dinner, a fun adventure out in town, games, snacks, and a midnight movie. We'll also help with Shepherd's Breakfast on Saturday morning. Please RSVP by October 21 to Mindy Moore (mindy.moore@munsey.org). Friends are always welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP

Middle School Pick Up is **Wednesday, October 21**, and we'll head to the mall for our snack stop and adventure. **Youth will need money for snacks and want shopping they might want to do.** We pick students up from Liberty Bell, Indian Trail and University School. **If your youth needs to be picked up from University School, please email penleye@etsu.edu, saying that your student will be picked up by Pastor Gary Ihfe from 1st UMC on Wednesday, October 21.** RSVP to Mindy Moore (mindy.moore@munsey.org) by October 19. Friends are always welcome!

IGNITE

Our next Ignite District Youth Event is **October 18 from 5:30pm-7:30pm!!** Ignite has a special place in my heart. This year, we'll have a costume contest with prizes for the following categories: Funniest, Best Homemade, Best Group and Best Overall. We'll provide pizza for dinner. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the Wesley Foundation on the ETSU campus. Please **RSVP by October 15** to Mindy Moore (mindy.moore@munsey.org). Friends are always welcome!

WORSHIP ARTS

Each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm, our young worshippers meet with Mr. Matt in the Music Room on the 2nd floor. The Children's Choir is open to ages 3-5th grade and helps children grow in faith through music, worship, fellowship, and service.

The children will be working on some great works by Heather Potter and Mark Burrows as they prepare to sing in worship. You don't want to miss it!

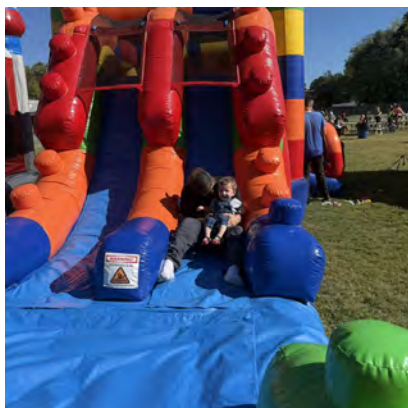
We had such a blast with our young worshippers in the Spring that we thought to do more this Autumn. There will be an opportunity for our K-5 worshippers to take part in a few worship arts activities.

Our next meeting date will be **October 11.**

Soli Deo Gloria

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