



# MUNSEY UPDATE

## SEPTEMBER 1, 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) to fill out your card electronically.

#### OUR SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Our September sermon series, The "We Can" Campaign 2024, begins today. We look forward to you joining us for this exciting time together each Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00am.

#### WEEKLY GROUPS AND STUDIES

##### WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Our Women's Study Group meets each **Monday from 9:30-11:00am** in the Gathering Place. We are studying *Good and Beautiful and Kind: Becoming Whole in a Fractured World* by Rich Villodas. We won't meet tomorrow due to the Labor Day holiday. All women are welcome, and please let Amanda Onks ([amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)) know if you have questions.

##### 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 of all churches to join us for study, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, please email Bill Darden ([billdarden7@aol.com](mailto:billdarden7@aol.com)).

##### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

We have age-level programs for children and youth and adult studies from 6:00-7:15pm 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:

- Fall Symposium of Religious Studies: *Excavating Jesus: 5 Religious Relics and What They Tell Us About Our Faith* led by Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson; register at [www.munsey.org/rsvp](http://www.munsey.org/rsvp) (Christian Life Center Gym)
- 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)

#### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We still need volunteers to serve our precious kids! Sunday morning volunteer roles needed are:

- People willing to teach Sunday School lessons from 9:45-10:50am (all curriculum and supplies provided)
- We need a minimum of 6 volunteers to staff our nursery each Sunday! We especially need volunteers to serve during the 8:45 and 11:00 services.
- We need people willing to greet and check in children in the preschool and elementary hallways from 9:45-10:10am

#### DRIVERS

We are grateful for those who serve in our driving ministry to provide rides to church on Sunday mornings. Volunteer drivers usually serve about once a month. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to drive, please call the Connection Point (423-461-8070, ext. 201) to let us know or contact Amanda Onks at [amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org).

#### FALL FOR NORTH SIDE FESTIVAL

We're looking forward to hosting the Fall for North Side Festival again this year on **Sunday, September 29, from 3:00-5:00pm**. We hope Munsey friends and families will attend to get to know North Side families better and build community. We also have some volunteer needs at festival stations, and you can sign up at [www.munsey.org/volunteer](http://www.munsey.org/volunteer) to help. Thank you in advance for making it such a wonderful day!

#### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

##### OPEN DOOR WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

We need Sunday School classes or small groups 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 Anthony Jackson, Melting Pot Facilitator, at [anthony.jackson@munsey.org](mailto:anthony.jackson@munsey.org).



##### BACKPACKS FOR LIBERIA (2025)

The Three Rivers District has released the list of supplies for their 2025 "Backpacks for Liberia" hands-on mission project. The list has been updated, so make sure to grab a current copy from the Connection Point or visit our website at [munsey.org/backpacks](http://munsey.org/backpacks). Although back-to-school sales are ending soon, many of the items needed for this project might still be on sale. Shopping now could help you save money. Feel free to bring your supplies to the Connection Point anytime this fall for storage.

##### SEND TEAM NEEDS

The Send Team is looking for mission-minded individuals to help lead or assist in several areas of our current Missions programs. We currently need help with the North Side Food Program, Prison Ministry, Mexico Medical Missions, Alexander UMC (Bishop, VA), Willow Alaska, Church & Society, and Freedom Global. There are many ways you can serve in Missions here at Munsey. If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Dave Culberson at [missions@munsey.org](mailto:missions@munsey.org) or by phone at 423-676-3402.

## SYMPATHY

The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Gordon and Shirley Livingston on the death of their son, David Livingston, on August 25, 2024.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to the Wheeler and Clark families upon the birth of a baby boy, Tripp James, on August 22. His proud Munsey family includes parents Logan & Lindsey Clark, brother Beecher, grandparents Jim & Laura Wheeler, and uncle Tate Wheeler.

## FAMILY PROMISE

The Family Promise Prevention program is currently serving 30 families in 2024. The shelter is filled with 5 families, totaling 8 adults and 11 children. We are in need of the following items: size 6 diapers, can openers, \$25 food/gas cards, and healthy and hearty snacks for the Day Center. 3 of the 5 families do not have food stamps at this time due to issues at the DHS office. Family Promise is currently providing them with \$100 Kroger gift cards each week, but they are struggling to have enough to eat. For more information on how to help, please contact Lauri Hale at [lauri.hale@gmail.com](mailto:lauri.hale@gmail.com).

## A DAY OF CELEBRATION - ONE COMBINED SERVICE

On **Sunday, September 22**, we will have one combined service in the Sanctuary, beginning at 11:00am. The Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson will preach, and the Genesis I Reunion Choir will sing. There will be no 8:45 worship, but Sunday School will meet as usual. At 4:00 pm, we hope you will join us for a Service of Thanksgiving for Shared Music Ministry. This will be a special time of music with our Chancel Choir, Milligan and ETSU Choirs, Matthew Brickey, Esther Park and Douglas Grove-DeJarnett.

## LADIES LUNCH

All ladies are welcome to join us on **Monday, September 16, at 12:00pm** at Ole's Guacamoles, and we look forward to lunch and fellowship together. Please let Amanda Onks know ([amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)) if you plan to be there so we can save you a seat.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

### FALL FOR NORTH SIDE

Join us for a FUN afternoon at North Side Elementary School on **September 29 at 3:00pm** as Munsey hosts the annual Fall for North Side festival! We will have multiple inflatables, a train, a rope bridge, face painting, snow cones, pizza, and a giant dance party! We hope to see everyone there!

### HWY 56 FELLOWSHIP

Our next 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Fellowship will be on **September 22**. We will leave from the church at 2:00pm and go to Fender's Farm in Jonesborough. Cost is \$15.95 for ages 12, and \$12.95 for those 11 and under. We will return to church by 5:00pm and please let Amy know if you plan to come by September 19.

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

### FELLOWSHIP

On **September 15**, our youth will meet at the church at 2:00pm and we head to Warriors' Path State Park to go on an afternoon hike. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Let Amy know you are coming by September 13. We will return by 5:00pm.

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** meets on the Youth floor weekly from 10:00 - 10:45am, and we have fellowship and snacks from 9:45 - 10:00am
- **LIFE GROUPS:** meet on Wednesday nights on the Youth floor from 6:00 - 7:15pm
- **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 school, and students need money for breakfast

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP

Middle School Pick-Up will take place on **September 4** after school. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to attend. We will go to McDonald's in Boone's Creek for our snack stop and then to Paradise Acres to play miniature golf (cost \$12.00) Students will need money for McDonald's and let Amy know you can attend by September 3.

*See our Family Ministries Newsletter for more Children and Youth information, available in our brochure racks and online*

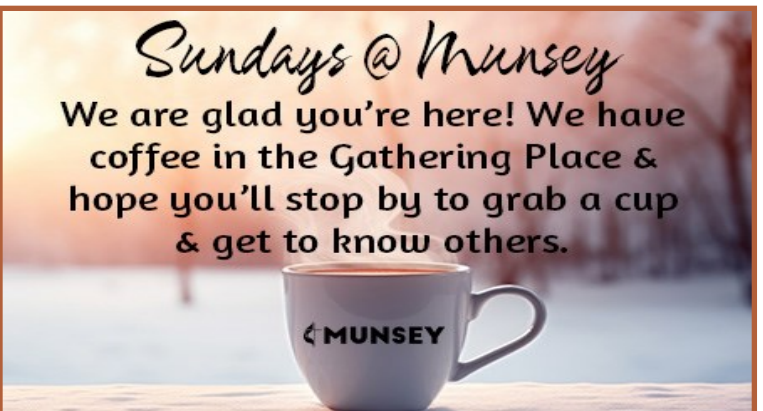
**WE HAVE THREE NEST ROOMS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES WITH BABIES & TODDLERS ON SUNDAYS. PLEASE ASK AN USHER IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS TO ONE OF THEM.**

\*CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER LOBBY

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\*LIBRARY

**WE'RE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY JOIN US IN WORSHIP TODAY!**



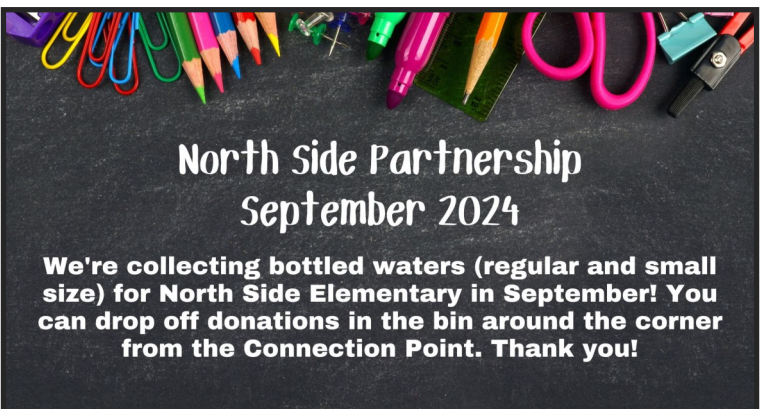
## CHURCH OFFERING WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024

August 25 gifts:	\$17,079
Weekly need:	\$29,970
Difference:	<b>-\$12,891</b>



**July Year to Date: +\$18,401**

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