

Communion Sunday Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, January 6, 2019 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME Rev. Jim Stahler

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*OPENING HYMN **Angels from the Realms of Glory** No. 220
(Lighting of the Candles – Acolytes)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. Stahler

Pastor & People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Pastor & People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM

*HYMN OF PREPERATION **What Child is This** No. 219

*SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 2:1-12** Rev. Dr. Rick C. Dye

SERMON **See the Light!** Dr. Dye

WE RESPOND

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Stahler
(Please register your attendance on the attendance pad at the end of each pew.)

OFFERTORY **The Star Carol** Hutson-Burt
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CONSECRATION AND COMMUNION Dr. Dye & Rev. Stahler
Word & Table II
No. 13-14

*CLOSING HYMN **We Three Kings** No. 254
(Extinguishing of the Candles – Acolytes)

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION Dr. Dye

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Another Year is Dawning** McDonald

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Dr. Todd E. Hill, Chancel Choir Director | Mrs. Joan Bowker, Organist
Acolytes – Daniel Ross and Aubrey Payton

Memorials

In memory of **Tiffany Shemwell Clayton** by:
Joyce Key; Harold & Kelly Doran; Warren & Sally Hopkins;
David & Rosemary Graham; David & Martha Parker,
Edna McKinney, & Charlotte Parker; Ruetta Turner

In memory of **Bradley Hulick** by:
Jerry & Kay Gupton; Outreach Sunday School Class;
The Shemwell & Clayton Family

In memory of **All Saints who passed away in 2018** by:
Dr. Burton & Cathy Young

In memory of **Bill Hewlett** by:
The Shemwell & Clayton Family; Joe & Beth Ward

In memory of **Joe Dick** by:
Warren & Sally Hopkins; David & Rosemary Graham; Cheri Theatre

In memory of **Zee Enix** by:
Warren & Sally Hopkins

In memory of **Freda Lovett** by:
Margaret Fritts; Ruetta Turner

In memory of **Elaine Eversmeyer, Martha Broach, Blanche Titsworth, Ray Conklin, Willie Jackson, Norma Frank, Mary Watson, Don Jones, Joe Dick, and Bill Hewlett** by:

David & Martha Parker, Edna McKinney, & Charlotte Parker

Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance	
<i>Received week of December 30, 2018: \$21,244.50</i>	
2018 Receipts: \$803,067.38	2018 Budget: \$800,000
<i>Attendance from Last Sunday</i>	
Worship Services: 277	Sunday School: 94

Congratulation Church family, we made our 2018 budget! Thank you to all of you that went above and beyond what you planned to give for 2018 to help us reach our goal. Together we can do more!
Now on to 2019!

Today's **Communion Offering** will support the Murray's Kids Care for Hunger. This ministry was formed to help feed the hungry nutritionally balanced, filling meals. The mission of the local group is to feed the hungry people of Calloway County.

Ushers

This Week (1/6)	Next Week (1/13)
Early Light: Mike Nutter Team	Early Light: Patricia Parrish Team
Traditional: David Graham Team	Traditional: David Graham Team

Caring Friends Birthdays

1/9 – Jean McMillen, Spring Creek, 1401 S. 16th St., Murray, KY 42071

Bible Studies for the Spring

If you would like to lead a Bible Study for the Spring, please contact Kendra in the church office to add it to the calendar!



Join us today for
Sunday school!

Wednesday | UMK & Route 56

We will resume meeting on January 23rd
Hope you have a fun and safe break.

Save the Date:

3/1 – Route 56 Lock-in
3/6 – Ash Wednesday Service
3/17 – Children's Sabbath

Questions? Contact Colin at kids@murrayfirst.com.



Youth & Parents: Important Mission Trip meeting January 13th!
Meet 9:30 AM in the Youth Area.

UMY Programming

Senior UMY will resume on Sunday, January 13th.
Junior UMY will resume on Wednesday, January 16th.

Mark Your Calendars:

2/17 – ALL Youth Event
3/5 – Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser
3/6 – Ash Wednesday Service
3/17 – ALL Youth Event

Questions? Ask MelP at umyouth@murrayfirst.com or call 270-210-2838.

PRIME TIMERS

— SENIOR ADULTS —

Prime Timer Missions | January 17th

We are going to Reelfoot and we need lots of hands to help in the Food Bank and the Thrift Store. We will leave the church parking lot at 8 AM.

Please bring a sack lunch. We will eat dinner at Boyette's before heading home. Please sign up in the church office by January 10th.

Prime Timer Luncheon | January 18th

Mark your calendars for our first luncheon of the New Year on Friday, January 18th at 11:30 AM in the Social Hall. Menu: Hearty Beef Stew, Corn Muffin, Mini Salad Bar, Prune cake with whipped topping. Cost is \$7.85 per person. Program: International Missions presented by Mrs. Effie Kemp. Please sign up in the church office by January 14th.

If you have any questions about our senior adult ministry, please contact Beth at 270-293-3448.

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today at Murray First UMC! If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, you are welcome. Please fill out the Guest Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. Returning guests, regular attendees and members, please register your attendance on the attendance pad at the end of each pew.

Nursery Care and Children's Church

The nursery is available during worship services for children ages 0-3. The nursery is located west of the Sanctuary. Look for Noah and his friends on the Ark! If you need help finding the nursery, ask one of our friendly ushers. Children's church meets downstairs in God's BIG Backyard after the children's message every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month. Children's Church is for kids ages 3-3rd grade. Parents pick up and sign out kids at the conclusion of worship.



Ladies Nativi-Tea | TODAY!

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and tea and cookies at the Nativi-Tea today in the Social Hall at 2 PM.

Women's Prayer Bible Study Group | January 9th

Women's Prayer Bible Study Group will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 9th from 6-7 PM in the CLC Conference Room. Please bring your prayer notebook and Bible. Jan Nutter will be the leader. All women in our Church are invited to participate.

Sew-A-Thon | January 28th-February 1st

Volunteers are needed to cut, sew and serge dresses, shorts and blankets for the 2019 Mission Trips! Sew-A-Thon will take place on January 28th through February 1st from 9 AM – 3 PM. Patterns may be taken home to complete. Lunch will be provided Monday-Thursday by the UMW groups. We are also accepting donations of 100% cotton fabrics and flannel/fleece fabrics (1 yard minimum).

For additional information, please contact Anna Wright (270-753-6835), Margaret Fritts (270-293-8068), or Louise Pool (270-752-3303).

Thank You from International Missions

On behalf of those who have been called to take God's love to the unchurched in Nicaragua, I want to thank all who gave shoes, diapers or monetary support during our Celebration of Giving. Without your support, we could not serve as well. You inspire us.

Again, we thank you. – Effie Kemp

Job Bible Study for Women

All women are encouraged to join Monica Bogle for a study on Job by Lisa Harper. In this study of unlikely joy, discover the redemptive facet of Job's suffering. Learn to view pain as a way to strengthen your faith, point others to the gospel, and trust in the Lord. Because His providence will never take you to a place where His grace will not sustain you. The first session will be on Sunday, January 27th. Time & place TBD. Sign up in the church office by January 21st. Cost: \$13 for book

Prayer Concerns

Buford Anderson	Tina Goldston	Shannon Still (Steve Still's brother)
Martha Crawford	Georgia Johnson	Warren Toler
Hamp Erwin	June Ladd	Gene & Carol Wimberley
Louise Finklea	Georgeann Sanders	Ron Wuest
Harold Finn	Homebound Members	Unspoken Requests

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 6	
8:45 AM	Early Light Worship Service
9:50 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
2:00 PM	UMW Nativi-Tea (Social Hall)
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room)
Monday, January 7	
6:00 PM	SPRC Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts (CLC Gym)
Tuesday, January 8	
9:00 AM	Quilters Walk by Faith (Gym)
9:30 AM	Tucker Frost UMW Circle (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
Wednesday, January 9	
9:00 AM	Quilters
10:00 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Thursday, January 10	
9:00 AM	Walk by Faith (Gym)

2019 Monthly Scriptures

As members of the Church, we are called to live in the body of Christ. During 2019, we will focus on a different aspect of living in the body of Christ by looking at a different scripture each month. To help with memorization, scripture cards will be available in the church office and at the welcome center at the beginning of each month. We look forward to reading God's Word with you in this new year!

Living in the Body of Christ

January Scripture – Joined Together

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

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Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.

Dr. Rick C. Dye, Senior Pastor | Rev. Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

Communion Sunday Early Light Order of Worship

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:45 AM

We Gather to Worship

Welcome – Bro. Rick Dye

Call to Worship – ***Eye of the Storm***

(Please be seated for the morning prayer.)

Prayer of Confession and Pardon – Bro. Jim Stahler

(Reading on screens and page 2 of bulletin.)

Songs of Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

King of My Heart

The Cross Has the Final Word

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading – **Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon – ***See the Light!*** – Bro. Rick Dye

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Bro. Jim Stahler

(Please register your attendance on the attendance pad at the end of each pew.)

Offertory Music

My Shepherd Shall Supply All My Need – Kaye Doran

Offertory Response – ***Give Thanks***

Communion

Consecration and Communion

We Respond

Closing Hymn – ***Jesus Loves Me***

Announcements and Benediction

Exit Song – ***King of My Heart***