HARCH 23, 2025

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 <u>www.munsey.org/connect</u> to fill out your card electronically.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

= WEEKLY GROUPS AND STUDIES =

Our Women's Study Group meets on **Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00am** in the Parlor. All women are welcome, and please let Amanda Onks (<u>amanda@munsey.org</u>) know if you have questions or would like to join us!

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 from all churches to join us for study, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, please email Bill Darden (billdarden7@aol.com).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

We have programs for all ages from **6:00-7:15pm on Wednesdays**! 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. We have these studies for adults each week:

- 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)
- Join Pastor Beth on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15pm in the Christian Life Center Meeting Room, beginning on March 26. Radicle Methodism: Back to our Roots is a four-part history course to examine the beginnings of Methodism, the people and the movements that crossed oceans and centuries, with a fifth session focused specifically on Munsey's history. Join us to explore the very beginnings of Methodism that, like the radicle the first part of the seed that sprouts to become the root system and the future plant were vital to the denomination as we became rooted and grounded.

FIFTH SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Each Fifth Sunday this year, we'll have space during the Sunday School hour to hear from our various ministry areas and administrative teams. We hope you'll make plans to join us in the Gathering Place on **March 30 at 9:45am** as we hear from Munsey Missions. They'll share updates on our flood recovery efforts through our partnership with Appalachia Service Project as well as other opportunities to connect through missions. We hope all Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals will plan to join us!

At Munsey, months with a fifth Sunday have historically been opportunities for special giving, over and above pledged offerings. The **March 30** Fifth Sunday Offering will go toward support for flood victims in the local Embreeville community. All loose cash will be part of this offering, as well as any checks or giving designated as "Fifth Sunday Offering."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date for Vacation Bible School this summer! Our VBS will take place **June 16-19**, and the theme is *Road Trip: On the Go with God*. We hope to have all our Munsey kiddos there! We'll also need lots of volunteers to make it a success from behind-the-scenes help to decorating to volunteering the week of VBS. Stay tuned for more details on how to register and be involved!

CHURCH-WIDE EGG STUFFING PARTY

Join us on **April 6 at 2:00pm** as we get ready for our community egg hunt. Please bring a bag or two of individually wrapped, nut -free candy, and let's work together to stuff those eggs. All ages are welcome!

MUNSEY COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

We're excited for this year's community-wide Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 12**, at Founders Park! We'll stuff thousands of eggs and are grateful for donations of nut-free, individually-wrapped candy and small treats, which can be left at the Connection Point. Thank you and check out our March Messenger at www.munsey.org for more details on how you can help!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We will have a "Get Rid of Munsey Junk" day on **March 27 at 9:00am**. We need several volunteers to help move some heavy and lighter items. We are also looking for individuals with trucks or trailers to load the junk and transport it to Iris Glen for disposal. We expect this will take no more than a few hours since all items are already organized in three areas. If you can help or have a truck, please contact Ed Temple at <u>edt@munsey.org</u>.

INTERGENERATIONAL ASP TRIP

It's not too late to join our intergenerational ASP summer mission trip to help with flood recovery in our region! Students 7th grade or older and adults are invited, as individuals or families. Let Amanda Onks (<u>amanda@munsey.org</u>) know if you'd like to join the team and register by paying \$50 to reserve your spot (noting ASP Mission Trip in memo).

The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Elizabeth, Bryon, and Ben Collins on the death of their father, Brian Collins, on March 11.

HELENE DISASTER RELIEF

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

Our second Appalachia Service Project volunteer group left on Friday after a productive week. They continued the important work of building a new home in the Enon Church Road area along Rt. 107 in Unicoi Co. Their tasks included installing roofing (setting trusses and installing metal sheeting), siding, windows & doors, and cleaning up debris on the homeowner's property. This was their third trip to this area, showing the continuity of our efforts and the hope for recovery! Munsey will host the next group from Anderson Baptist Church in Anderson, TN, which will arrive on April 6.

GOOD NEIGHBOR BAGS

Good Neighbor bags are a simple way to help people you may encounter who might need a healthy snack or an act of kindness to brighten their day. The bags are available in the Narthex, the Connection Point, and the CLC lobby - grab one to keep in your car. Instruction cards are also provided in the hopes that Sunday school classes and other small groups will be encouraged to create additional Good Neighbor bags for distribution: take a gallon Ziplock bag and pack it with a bottle of water, a squeeze pouch of applesauce, a Slim Jim, a pack of peanut butter crackers, a granola bar, a multigrain bar, and a note with encouraging words from scripture. Completed bags can be dropped off at the Missions Center near The Connection Point.

THE MELTING POT

There was a great turnout for our first Respite Day of 2025 with 120 individuals from our downtown community receiving lunch and helpful resources. Thanks to the following organizations for their participation: ETSU Health Bridge, Unity Housing, American Job Center, Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Family Justice Center, Guardian Riders, Tri-Cities Mutual Aid and Solidarity, the Health Department, and Feeding in Action. Clothes, hygiene items, snacks, and blankets were distributed, and a delicious lunch was provided by Voodoo Chicken.

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Munsey offers a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages from **10:00 to 10:45am**. 1^{st} - 6^{th} graders meet on the Elementary Children's Hallway. The 1^{st} - 4^{th} graders meet in Room 209. 5^{th} and 6^{th} graders meet in Room 210. Babies and toddlers meet in the Green Room, and three-year-olds kindergartners meet in the Blue Room. Both the Green Room and Blue Room are located on the Preschool Hallway. At the conclusion of Sunday School, parents can choose to bring their children to worship or keep them in the nursery for playtime.

CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Camp Bays Mountain summer camp registration is open! We hope to have several campers from Munsey attend again this summer and are offering partial scholarships to Munsey children or youth who register for summer camp at Bays Mountain. If you're interested in registering for camp with a Munsey scholarship, please contact Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org).

HWY 56 FELLOWSHIP

5th and 6th graders are invited to join us on **Sunday, March 30**, following worship for **Nosh & Nerf**. We'll provide the pizza; you bring your Nerf guns! (We'll have a few extra to loan.) Meet on the second floor elementary hallway after worship, and we'll eat, then battle. Parents, please RSVP to

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 *PARLOR *LIBRARY

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

CHURCH OFFERING WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

March 16 gifts: Weekly need: Difference:

\$14,256 \$29,558 -\$15,302



FEBRUARY YEAR TO DATE -\$32,877

For online giving, scan the QR code or go to munsey.org/ <u>give</u>.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Charity Damrau (charity.damrau@munsey.org) by March 28 if your HWY 56er plans to attend.

YOUTH

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- 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 6:00-7:15pm.
- 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 the school, and students need money for breakfast.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP Middle School Pick-Up for 7th & 8th graders is on Wednesday, March 26 We'll pick up from Liberty Bell and Indian Trail, stop Wendy's for a snack and head back to the church to play games. Please contact Mindy Moore (<u>mindy.moore@munsey.org</u>) if you have any questions.

Please see our Family Ministries Newsletter for more information about our Children and Youth Ministries.



We are glad you're here! We have coffee in the Gathering Place & hope you'll stop by to grab a cup & get to know others.

MUNSEY

NORTH SIDE PARTNERSHIP ARCH 2025

ITH WE ARE COLLECTING TCAP SNACKS (GRANOLA BARS, BARS, CHEESE CRACKERS, GOLD FISH, PRETZELS, FRUIT , APPLES, CHEESE STICKS, JUICE BOXES) AND WATERS





PO Box 1336, Johnson City, TN 37605-13 Parish Nurse: <u>parishnurse@munsey.org</u> PO Box 1336, Johnson City, TN 37605-1336
Phone: (423) 461-8070
www.munsey.org