



MUNSEY UPDATE

APRIL 20, 2025

HAPPY EASTER!



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 to fill out your card electronically.

WEEKLY GROUPS AND STUDIES

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Our Women's Study Group meets on **Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00am** in the Parlor. We won't meet tomorrow morning but will return April 28. All women are welcome, and please let Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) 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)
- *Radicle Methodism: Back to our Roots* led by Pastor Beth: 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 (Christian Life Center Meeting Room)

EASTER OFFERING

We have an Easter tradition at Munsey, where we take an offering each year to support mission opportunities outside the walls of our church. This year, our Easter offering will go toward flood relief in the Embreeville, TN and Bishop, VA communities. We hope you will give generously today. You can use a special Easter offering envelope, write a check and put "Easter offering" in the memo line, or give online at www.munsey.org/give. Thank you!

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Are you caring for someone with Dementia? If so, we would like to care for you! This group is a wonderful opportunity to hear from others who share the same struggles and have the same questions. Our next meeting is **May 12 at 2:30pm** in the Parlor. For more information, please contact Emily Ham at parishnurse@munsey.org.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 4, is Confirmation Sunday, and we'll join together in worship to affirm this holy day in the life of our church and Confirmands. We'll have one combined service at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. Open Door worship and Sunday School will meet as usual. We hope you'll plan to join us for this special day!

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 registration info and sign up today to volunteer at www.munsey.org/vbs!

INTERGENERATIONAL ASP TRIP

It's not too late to join our intergenerational Appalachia Service Project 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 (amanda@munsey.org) know if you'd like to join the team and register by paying \$50 to reserve your spot (noting ASP Mission Trip in memo).

7TH ANNUAL SACRED MUSIC CELEBRATION

Come join our community on **Sunday, April 27, at 6:00pm** in Munsey's Sanctuary for an hour of sacred music shared by classical, folk, and gospel musicians from the Appalachian Highlands! This year we will close with a sing along of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. Everyone is invited to participate. This event is family-friendly and free.

NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

We are excited to announce on behalf of Munsey's Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Mindy Moore's hiring as our Director of Youth Ministries. Mindy will join our age-level Family Ministries team alongside Charity Damrau. Mindy has been a familiar face in our congregation since she started attending in October of 2023 with her husband, Jeff, and their daughter, Hannah. In February of this year, she agreed to join Munsey's staff in an interim capacity. She jumped into the job with both feet! Our search committee was thrilled when she applied to be considered for the permanent position. Her love and passion for the youth and families of Munsey cannot be missed when you speak with her.

HELENE DISASTER RELIEF

Munsey's spring volunteer work-team hosting concluded with a significant achievement. A group of 14 volunteers from Andersonville Baptist Church (Andersonville, TN) dedicated their time and skills to complete the framing, siding, roofing, windows, and doors on a home in Embreeville, one of the six we financially support. Their work on the porch and the construction of a large wheelchair ramp were also instrumental. The group's positive feedback about our facilities and the warm reception from our church members is a testament to our community's spirit. The Send Team extends its heartfelt gratitude to our hosts and the entire congregation for their role in making the volunteers feel welcome.



GOOD NEIGHBOR BLESSING BAGS

The supply of good neighbor blessing bags has been restocked. The Send Team is thankful to the Brown Fellowship Sunday School class for providing 50 bags! Each gallon zip-top bag costs about \$4 to fill with the following items: 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 and written instructions are available in the narthex, the Christian Life Center lobby, and the Missions Center near the Connection Point. We encourage small groups, individuals, and families to make some bags and drop them off at the Missions Center.

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Munsey offers a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages from **10:00 to 10:45am**. 1st - 6th graders meet on the Elementary Children's Hallway. The 1st - 4th graders meet in Room 209. 5th and 6th 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).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Wednesday night programming breaks for summer on **May 14**. That evening, all preschool, elementary, and HWY 56 kids will meet together for summer kick-off at 6:00pm! Weather permitting, we'll be getting wet, so dress in quick-dry clothing, and bring a towel. See you there!

HWY 56 FELLOWSHIP

For our April HWY 56 Fellowship, we'll meet at church at **2:00pm on April 27** to go to Paradise Acres for mini golf and

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will return to Munsey by 4:00pm. Each 56er will need \$6 cash to golf and any extra money for any snacks they might want. Please let Mindy Moore (mindy.moore@munsey.org) know by April 21 if your 56er would like to join us!

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, April 23**. We'll pick up from Liberty Bell and Indian Trail, and students from other schools are welcome to join us at church. We will come back to Munsey to eat snacks and watch a movie.

MAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our May Youth Fellowship is on **May 4 from 5:00-7:00pm**, at Ole Guacamole (1805 N Roan St.), all 7th-12th graders are welcome! We will be celebrating the end of the year with a fun dinner out. Please send money with your youth. Please let Mindy Moore (mindy.moore@munsey.org) know by April 30 if your youth plans to go.

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!

Sundays @ Munsey

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.

CHURCH OFFERING WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

April 13 gifts:	\$13,951	
Weekly need:	\$29,558	
Difference:	-\$15,607	

FEBRUARY YEAR TO DATE -\$89,844

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

NORTH SIDE PARTNERSHIP
April 2025

During the month of April we will be collecting waters and Kleenex for our North Side kids. Donations can be dropped off at the connection point during office hours or on Sunday.