



MUNSEY UPDATE

JANUARY 19, 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 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're studying *None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different from Us (and Why That's a Good Thing)* by Jen Wilkin. We won't meet tomorrow on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day but will resume January 27. 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 each Wednesday**. 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:

- *The Cross & the Crescent: Understanding the Differences and Commonalities Between Christianity and Islam* led by Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson; please register at www.munsey.org/rsvp.
- 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)

ETSU HOMECOMING TOUR CONCERT

The ETSU Chorale will host a "home" concert here in Munsey's sanctuary **today at 3:00pm**. Fresh off their 2025 Winter Tour, the Chorale will sing music featuring familiar choral favorites as well as exciting new works. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

WESLEY FOUNDATION MEAL

A new semester is beginning at ETSU this week. It has been a long tradition at Munsey of furnishing a meal once a month to the students at the Wesley Foundation. If you are interested in taking part in this or would like more information, please contact Pat Barnett at 423-737-8011. The dates for this semester are February 11, March 11 and April 8.

HELENE DISASTER RELIEF / CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Response to the Christmas Eve Offering has been tremendous. The total received to date is **\$34,619**, including a significant contribution from Munsey Missions. Donations will go directly toward rebuilding homes in the Embreeville community through the *Rebuild Embreeville Campaign*, a coalition of ministers and congregations in partnership with Appalachia Service Project. We received word that the *Campaign* goal of \$150,000 to help rebuild the first three homes has been exceeded, and they now plan to support rebuilding a fourth, and possibly a fifth home! Munsey is still accepting donations, but you can also donate directly to the *Rebuild Embreeville Campaign* at Colonial Heights UMC, PO Box 6027, 631 Lebanon Road, Kingsport, TN 37663. (Be sure to add "Embreeville Flood Relief" to the memo line).

As we move into the new year, the Munsey Flood Recovery Task Force will be identifying other ways you can respond to ongoing needs of these and other families in our area.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

SHEPHERD'S BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help cook food for our downtown community on Saturday mornings. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with and support our community. Please check the QR code if you would like to assist in other ways. For more information, please get in touch with Anthony Jackson at anthony.jackson@munsey.org.



PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION 2025

The beginning of a new year is a great time to get involved in new ways in the mission ministries of Munsey Memorial UMC. Opportunities abound in both local and global missions. The time commitments vary from an hour or two every month to week-long trips, and most ministries depend on financial support from our church members. In the coming weeks, the weekly Update will provide information about specific mission opportunities and share how you can become a partner in our mission ministries. "Faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity." James 2:17

The love and sympathy of the church are extended to Mack, Amber, and Layla Marshall on the death of Mack's mother, Agnes Marshall, on January 12.



RESURRECTION 2025
JANUARY 24-26

We hope you'll pray over our youth & chaperones as they travel to Pigeon Forge for Resurrection! Sessions will be livestreamed at www.resurrectionyouth.com, if you'd like to join in from home.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP
FEBRUARY 10 * 2:30PM
MUNSEY PARLOR

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 & have the same questions! If you'd like more information, please contact Emily Ham (parishnurse@munsey.org).



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Babies and Toddlers will be in the Green Room on the Preschool Floor from 6:00-7:15pm.

Three-year-olds - kindergartners will start in the Children's Choir Room, Room 206, from 6:00-6:30pm. Volunteers will then take them to the Art Room or Preschool Hallway for their programming. Pick-up will be in the Green Room, on the Preschool Hallway, at 7:15pm.

1st - 6th graders will meet in Room 209 from 6:00-6:30pm. Ms. Nora Honeycutt will lead them in improv games on January 22 and 29 and teach the kids that God created us to be unique and creative! At 6:30pm, the 1st-4th graders will go to music with Mr. Matt in Room 206. Pick-up will be in that room. The 5th and 6th graders will go to their HWY 56 Room, Room 210, with Ms. Connie Taylor and Ms. Randi Perry. Pick-up will be in the HWY 56 Room.

HWY 56 FELLOWSHIP

5th and 6th graders are invited to join us **today** in the Christian Life Center lobby after worship to walk to lunch at Holy Taco! Please bring money for lunch. Pick up will be around 1:30pm at the church.

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 school, and students need money for breakfast.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us on **January 22!** We'll pick up from Liberty Bell and Indian Trail Middle Schools, go to the mall food court for our snack stop, and then to the bowling alley at 3:30pm. Students from other schools are welcome to join us at the food court or bowling alley. Bring money for snack and for bowling (\$8.00) Please let Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) know by January 21 if you plan to join in the fun.

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

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 JANUARY 12, 2025

January 5 gifts:	\$20,932
Weekly need:	\$29,558
Difference:	-\$8,626



For online giving, scan the QR code or go to munsey.org/give. We're looking forward to a new year of ministry at Munsey and hope you'll give generously!

NORTH SIDE PARTNERSHIP
JANUARY 2025

In January we will be collecting Clorox wipes and Kleenex for our North Side friends. Items can be dropped off at the connection point.




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