



MUNSEY UPDATE

JANUARY 5, 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 and will resume **tomorrow**. We'll be studying *None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different from Us (and Why That's a Good Thing)* by Jen Wilkin. 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, resuming **January 8!** 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 and **beginning January 15**; 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)

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

We are grateful for all who gave to our Christmas Eve offering. Our current total is **\$29,588**, which also includes funds from Munsey Missions. We'll partner with Appalachia Service Project to offset the cost of building a new house for a local family who lost their home in the flood. Thank you for sharing with us in missions this Christmas!

HELENE DISASTER RELIEF

As we move through this holy season of Christmas, please be in prayer for those individuals who are still impacted by Helene. The Munsey Flood Recovery Task Force continues to explore ways for our church to be involved. The Task Force has made plans to offer support to three families in the Embreeville United Methodist Church who lost everything. The generous offering received on Christmas Eve will be used to help with the cost of new homes being built for these families by Appalachia Service Project (ASP). ASP has already broken ground for these homes, away from the river and on property purchased and donated by a local Baptist church. We will continue to share information through the Update as we learn of additional opportunities to help these families.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise of Johnson City continues to provide temporary housing and support for homeless families, and Munsey remains a dedicated supporter of this initiative. Donations of twin-size sheets, \$25 food or gas cards, and healthy snacks would be greatly appreciated by the staff of Family Promise. They welcome donations of small furniture, adult and kids' clothing, housewares and small appliances, linens, purses and shoes, toys, bedding, and used computers and components to their thrift store. Family Promise is located at 215 W. Watauga Avenue. For more information, please get in touch with Scott Beck at r30scott@etsu.edu or call 557-4370.

MELTING POT

The hardworking Melting Pot volunteers were recently honored with an appreciation luncheon. The banquet was intended as the first of an annual recognition event for volunteers who serve on a recurring basis throughout the year. While the list is not comprehensive, Anthony Jackson wanted to highlight these individuals: James Franklin, Gini Buchanan, Karen Peko, Dave Culbertson, Mitzie Hensley, Margaret "Margie" Nathanson, Dick George, Mike Stanley, Susan Stanley, Tom DeHart, Tom Pollock, The Women Hikers of East TN, East Unaka Christian Church, Boones Creek Christian Church, Redeemer Fellowship, Shawn and Melisa Winburn, and Caleb Frazier and the ETSU Wesley group.

ANNUAL PRISON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Munsey's 26th annual Christmas Party at Northeast Prison facility was held in early December. Several Munsey members participated in the evening as about 125 residents were served a meal that included cookies made by the Munsey youth, listened to music provided by Brett Smith and others, heard a short message, and received presents. As always, the residents of the facility were blessed and grateful for the generosity and participation of the volunteers.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church seeks a full-time Director of Youth Ministries to serve in ministry to students in grades 7-12, also assisting with grades 5-6, alongside the Director of Children's Ministries. Desired applicant will focus on programs and relational ministry with students. A Bachelor's degree is required, with a degree in Education or Religion and previous youth ministry experience preferred. Submit resume, cover letter, and statement of faith to: employment@munsey.org. Job description is available upon request.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church seeks a full-time Director of Children's Ministries to serve in ministry to children from birth through 6th grade. The ideal candidate will exhibit a love of children, families, and servant leaders, and will encourage children in the congregation and community to grow in faith as Christian disciples. Applicants must be mature and committed disciples of Christ and team players with good organization and communication skills. A Bachelor's degree is required, with a degree in Education or Religion and at least three years of experience in Children's Ministries preferred. Submit resume, cover letter, and statement of faith to: employment@munsey.org. Job description is available upon request.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Are you caring for someone with dementia? If so, let us care for you! Join the dementia support group on **1/13 at 2:30pm** in the Parlor. For more information, please contact Emily Ham, RN at parishnurse@munsey.org

LADIES' LUNCH

All ladies are welcome to join us on **Monday, January 13, at 12:00pm** at Ole's Guacamoles, and we look forward to lunch and fellowship together. Please let Amanda Onks know (amanda@munsey.org) if you plan to be there so we can save you a seat.

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.

HWY 56 FELLOWSHIP

On **January 12**, please join us 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.

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

YOUTH

RESURRECTION MEETING

We will have a Resurrection meeting on **January 8, at 5:30pm** in the Christian Life Center Meeting Room before Life Groups.

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 and will resume on **January 8**
- **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:00am at the W. Market St. Chick-fil-A for high school students and will resume **January 9**; transportation is not provided to school, and students need money for breakfast

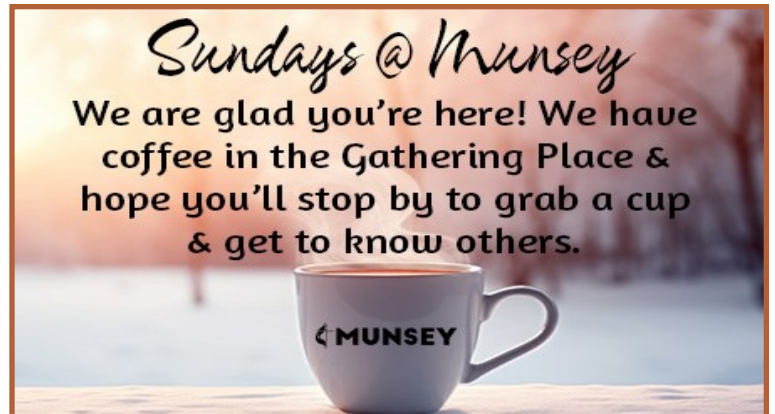
WE HAVE THREE NEST ROOMS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES WITH BABIES & TODDLERS ON SUNDAYS. PLEASE ASK AN USHER IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS TO ONE OF THEM.

***CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER LOBBY**

***PARLOR**

***LIBRARY**

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



CHURCH OFFERING WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

December 29 gifts:	\$54,101
Weekly need:	\$29,970
Difference:	\$24,131



November Year to Date: +\$27,044

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 partner with us!

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.

