

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

All are welcomed to Worship.
Please assist us by registering your attendance in the
notebooks located in the pews.

CENTERING THOUGHT

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work
among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus
Christ. **Philippians 1:6**

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT

****HYMN OF PRAISE** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* **UMH Page 213**

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says
the Lord of hosts. *(relight the first Advent candle.)*

The light of hope has awakened our spirits.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make
his paths straight."

**Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the
dawn of your salvation.**

We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide
us in the way of peace. *(light the second Advent candle)*

**With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a
new birth of your love.**

**All (sung): O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things
far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her
ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

****Gospel Reading** Luke 3:1-6

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

***Gloria Patri** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

SERMON Finishing Work

Wil Posey

ANTHEM

**APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he
rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy
way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord
only, that makest me dwell in safety.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wil Posey

Moments of silent prayer & personal confession

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

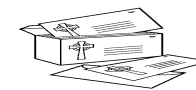
MISSION MOMENT

THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

****DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to
thee, O Israel.*



****HYMN** *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

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SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION *Go Now In Peace*

RESPONSE The light goes before us into the world.

Chiming of the Trinity

**** Please stand, if able**

**Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Ruth Vespasian; Emelene Crouch; Laura Frances Snow; Tom
Major Sr.; Helen Holland; Ronnie Smith; Lori Stainbrook; Jim
Vespasian; Kim Copeland; Debbie Cooper.

PRAYER TEAM

Email: prayfumc@gmail.com

**"Blue Prayer Request Cards" are in the pew racks.
Please give to an usher prior to worship to have
included in today's worship.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God
in loving honor of my father Billy Mills 90th birthday on December
7th. The love between a father and daughter is forever, by BJ
Thompson.

December Greeters

Anne Hymen & Theresa Smith

December Liturgist

Kathryn Keily Jenkins

This Week's Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, December 9

Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 10:55 am
ALPHA 4:00 pm

Thursday, December 13

Quilters 10:00 am

Monday, December 10

Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday, December 14

Food Bank 1:00-3:00 pm

Tuesday, December 11

Helping Hands 11:00 am
Food Bank 1:00-3:00 pm
Revelation Choir 3:15 pm
KFC 4:15 pm
Valley River Ringers 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 16

Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 10:55 am
Alpha 4:00 pm
Service of Hope 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 12

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am
Step Up 3:15 pm
Wesley Ringers 5:00 pm
Choir 6:30 pm

MEETINGS WEEK OF December 9th

Helping Hands

Tuesday, December 11th, will meet at church at 11:00 am and carpool to the home of Marilyn Jones for their Christmas party.

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 12th, 10:00 am, Education Bldg.

A SPECIAL SERVICE

We will have a special service on Sunday, December 16th at 5:30 pm:
SERVICE OF HOPE

Greeters and Liturgist for 2019

If you would like to be a greeter and/or liturgist in 2019 please contact the church office at 837-2718 or email admin@murphyfirstumc.org

Altar Flowers 2019: If you would like to sign up for flowers on a Sunday in **2019**, please contact Sheila Snow, 361-6009.

First United Methodist Church Note cards

There is a basket located in the Narthex with FUMC note cards. They are \$5.00 per pack. All proceeds go to Willing Workers which helps local women and children.

Nursery News: Our nursery ministry is available for our youngest disciples during Sunday school and worship service. Many thanks to Nikki and our nursery leaders for their ministry. If you are a youth or an adult interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Please remember our "Bread Basket" the 2nd Sunday of each month ...
"and you shall go forth and feed the hungry !"

The bread basket is located in the narthex for your convenience.

ALPHA FUNDRAISER

LUMINAIRES for Christmas Eve Service.
Luminaires will be placed on the church steps and the sidewalk prior to Christmas Eve Service. Luminaires are \$5.00 each, please complete the form in your bulletin and place in the offering plate. Make checks payable to FUMC ALPHA. Thank you for your support.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

Worship attendance last Sunday	150
Total Budget for 2018	\$310,983
Needed weekly	\$ 5,980
Received last week	\$ 6,989
Needed thru December 2	\$284,728
Received thru December 2	\$276,097
Difference	\$ - 8,631
Lives Transformed	Being Determined

Staff

Tracy & Lauren Allen, Custodians

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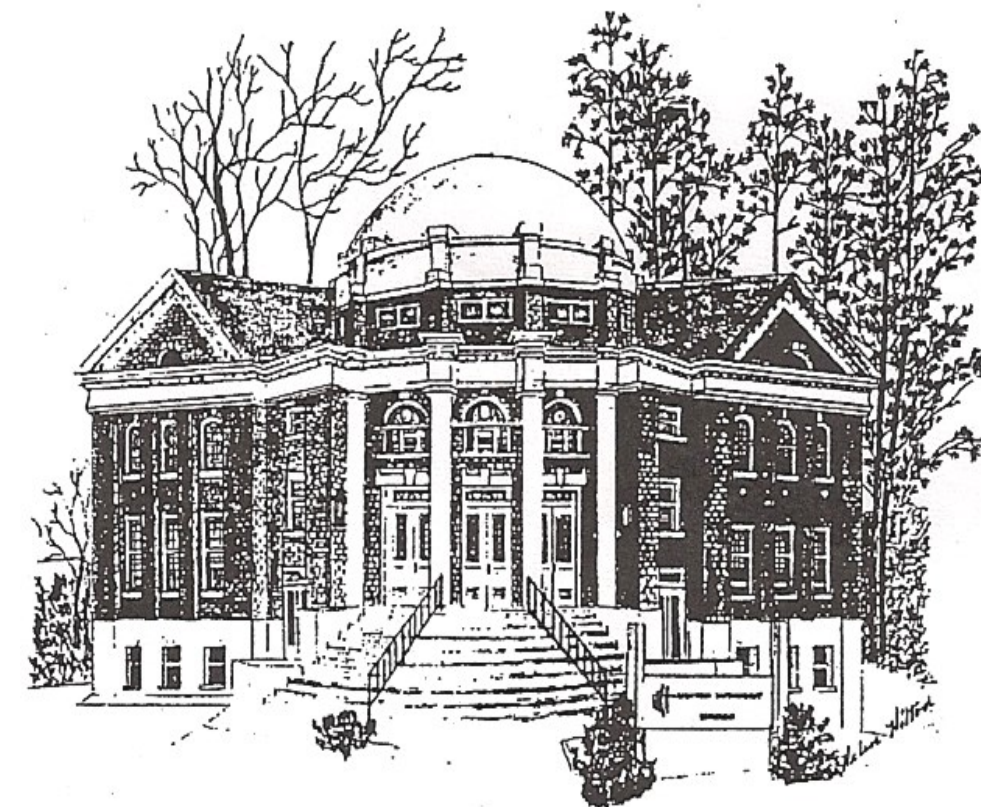
Church Office Hours:

Monday	9:00 am -12:30 pm
Tuesday thru Thursday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday	Closed

TRUSTEE ON CALL FOR DECEMBER

Freddy Lochaby - 828-226-2900

First United Methodist Church Murphy, NC



The mission of First United Methodist Church is to grow disciples who know God personally, pray daily, celebrate worship, serve others, and reach out in witness.

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