

December 2023

First United Methodist Church of Murphy

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Our **Mission** is to:

Live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our **Vision** is to:

Build communities of hope where all people experience belonging and abundant life.



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INVITE PEOPLE

Dear Murphy First,

There is a lot going on right now that I'm excited about in the life of our congregation:

- Soul Table is now happening 2x a month,
- We've had a mid-week Mom's Group going since the summer,
- Our parking lot is now configured in a way that's more accessible for those with mobility challenges,
- We have Preschool coming-soon (read on for more),
- Children's Choir has restarted,
- and there is so much more.

I don't know about you, but I'm excited about the things God is doing in and through this church, through you!

If you are too, I want to encourage you to do something this month: invite someone to come with you. Invite someone to come with you to an event at the church, to a Sunday worship service, to our monthly potluck, to go caroling on 12/17.

That sort of invitation is a no-pressure, no-strings-attached sort of thing. It's a way of saying, "This is something that means a lot to me, and I think it might to you too. I'd love for you to come with me."

This is such a great time of year to share with someone what you love about the church, and what you love about God. It always warms my heart when I meet someone on a Sunday morning and ask, "What brought you here?" And they tell me about the person who invited them.

Right alongside invitation is the importance of hospitality. Hospitality is one of our core values, and what a great time of year to let that shine! To park a little farther away so a guest can park closer. To not just tell someone how to get somewhere, but to walk them there. To go out of your way to meet someone new. Maybe even to invite them to lunch after worship, or offer to get together that week sometime.

One of our most beloved songs of this time of year is "Joy to the World," and one of the lines says, "let every heart prepare him room." Let every heart be open to the surprising grace of Jesus, including the surprising grace of Jesus that comes to us in the form of a guest, a new face, the face of Jesus. One way we prepare room for Jesus is by making room for others to come to know him and to be part of the joyous fellowship of the church.

This season, I'm approaching Christmas through the songs, hymns, and carols we sing. The music of this season is rich with meaning and significance. I hope you'll join us for this Advent journey when "heaven and nature sing"...and we do too.

Advent Blessings,

Pastor Wil



Parsonage Open House

We're hosting a Christmas Open House at the Parsonage this year, and everyone is invited. The Open House will be Sunday, December 10th from 4-6pm. Come on by and drop in for a time of fellowship as we celebrate the gifts of this season.

The parsonage address is 165 River Mountain Road, Murphy NC 28906.

New Member Class



If you are new to Murphy FUMC—you've either recently joined or would like to know more about the church—I'm looking to schedule a new member class early in 2024. The date/time is TBD. If you are interested and would like to know more, please reach out to me, Pastor Wil. (pastor@murphyfirstumc.org).



LUMINARIA

Alpha Luminaries

Every Christmas Eve, we light the steps of the church with luminaries in memory and honor of people we love. This is a fundraiser for our Alpha Fund, which helps us fund trips and events for our youth. If you'd like to have a luminary in memory or honor of someone, please send a message to admin@murphyfirstumc.org and let us know how you would like the luminary addressed: "In Memory of _____" or "In Honor of _____".

A \$5 donation is suggested for each luminary. Thank you!

The SPPRC committee is happy to announce the addition of Jack Frahmman as our new church treasurer starting December 1, 2023. Jack is a Veteran of the US Air Force, CPA, trained in financial planning and management, he has great interpersonal skills and a passion for gaining a personal relationship with clients. Jack is a member of Andrews First United Methodist Church. He comes to us with a good past employment record with:



- ABC Board treasurer for Andrews, NC
- Insurance counselor with Farley Insurance in Murphy, NC
- IRS Tax prep: Liberty Tax Services
- Regional Vice President of Investments, Prudential Securities Stock Brokerage firm
- First vice president of Investment, Paine Webber stock brokerage firm.

Education: BS, Business Admin at University of Central Florida CPA, Fort Myers, Florida

Welcome Jack! We look forward to having you work with our Murphy FUMC staff as our new treasurer.

It is with much appreciation and sadness that we say farewell to Nancy Jo Willis who has tirelessly served as our treasurer for the past seven years. Nancy Jo has gone over and above the call of volunteer duty in helping our church have impeccable financial records and she has been extremely organized. Nancy Jo has been behind the scenes of our church in many other ways as well. We certainly want to give Nancy Jo a much needed rest from the treasurer position and she has kindly offered to be available should Jack have any questions for her. Thank you so much Nancy Jo! We look forward to continuing many church activities with you in the coming years!





Ricky Hill is looking for interested parties who have a fondness for techie stuff and who are willing to help run the sound system on Sundays and for other events. Training will be provided.

Joining Sunday

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If you are interested in joining Murphy First UMC as a member on Sunday, December 17, please let Pastor Wil know (pastor@murphyfirstumc.org or (386) 647-6181).



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



United
Women
in Faith

WILLING HANDS: Wishing you a blessed Christmas!

Well, we've been busy getting ready for holiday activities and will tell you more about the Christmas Box Project and Memories with Santa in our next newsletter. Just know that the holiday spirit is alive and present at First UMC of Murphy.

Willing Hands will not have a regular meeting in December, but we will all be welcoming the Baby Jesus and the New Year. We pray that your Christmas holidays are blessed with lots of love, joy, laughter and peace. We also pray that 2024 brings with it some measure of calm, peace and love.

Our meetings are monthly, normally on the third Wednesday beginning at 11:30 am with the Greeting Card Ministry meeting for an hour just before. Know that all women in our church family and the community are invited to these meetings and events. Feel free to contact any member of our United Women in Faith group or call Karen Watson (828-361-9520) or Nancy Jo Willis (850-428-3636) with questions, comments, ideas, etc.



Harper James Hughes, Sunday, November 19, 2023



Memories with Santa

The Willing Hands Circle is sponsoring their annual "Memories with Santa" community event on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 8:30-11am in Fellowship Hall. Celebrate Christmas and have your children photographed while they visit with Santa Claus. Photos will be received immediately, and provided at no cost and the children receive a "goodie" bag to take home. For more information, contact Karen Watson at 828-361-9520 or Nancy Jo Willis at 850-428-3636.

Murphy First UMC Preschool Update

The preschool committee wanted to update everyone on the status of the FUMC Children's Center.

We have hired a lead teacher/director, Bridget Esterhuizen. We have also hired an assistant teacher, Joann Moore and a substitute, Cindy Gatti. Each of these women have dedicated many hours to preparing and bring their unique set of skills to enrich the classroom.

We have had volunteers donate many hours to preparing the community center room for its new purpose. We are very thankful to our volunteers who have planned, cleaned, repaired and painted the space. However the extent of the renovations and preparation needed has necessitated postponing the opening. We are anticipating welcoming children in the spring of '24 or at the latest fall of '24.

Stay tuned for opportunities to support this outreach of our church.



Keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Ruth Vespasian; Scott Adams; Tony Licata; Matt Licata; Trina Iurilli; Christine Iurilli; Carl Swanson; Ukraine and its people; Paul Britten; Misty Graves; Carl Auvil; Dorothy Purcell; Elizabeth Thompson; Beth Loudy; Harrison Gray; Michael Diosko and family; Randy Humphries; Sara Stiles; Celia Larson; Israel, peace & the people of Gaza; Marilyn Wade, Spencer Gentle; David Potter; Joseph Wenger; Diane Barfield; Thornton Family; Fred Davis; Joyce; Patty Singer; BJ Thompson; Ora Lee Hayes.

If you have specific prayer needs, fill out and submit a blue Prayer Request Card, or call the church office or pastor (828-837-2718), or email the Prayer Team at: prayfumc@gmail.com.



The Mom's Group is continuing to meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 through February 20th, then will take a 2 week break. Thank you to all the volunteers who've helped with childcare and are making this possible.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lea Posey at 386-688-3329 or Kendra Fokakis at 601-466-3089.



CHURCH CAMPING TRIP

May 3-5, 2024

Located on TN Highway 143, at the base of the majestic 6,285-foot Roan Mountain, Roan Mountain State Park encompasses more than 2,000 acres dominated by rich hardwood forest along rugged ridges. Just 2 1/2 hours from Murphy. We've reserved 4 RV sites and 2 tent sites. Cabins are also available. For more info please call and we can let you know more!



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Greeting Card Ministry will NOT meet in December. We will get back together in January when the Willing Hands Circle meets.



for submitting information for the **January** edition of the newsletter!

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023



Our deepest sympathies for Dianne Fitts and family on the passing of her mother.



The Mission Team is once again sponsoring the Alternative Christmas program. This is an opportunity for all of us to support local charities in the name of a friend or loved one. Alternative Christmas donations will be taken on December 3 and December 10. Get Ready to Give!!!

The s'mores and popcorn station will be passing out goodies in front of the church during the Murphy Christmas Lighting and Parade the evening of Sunday, December 3rd. Come and join the fun!

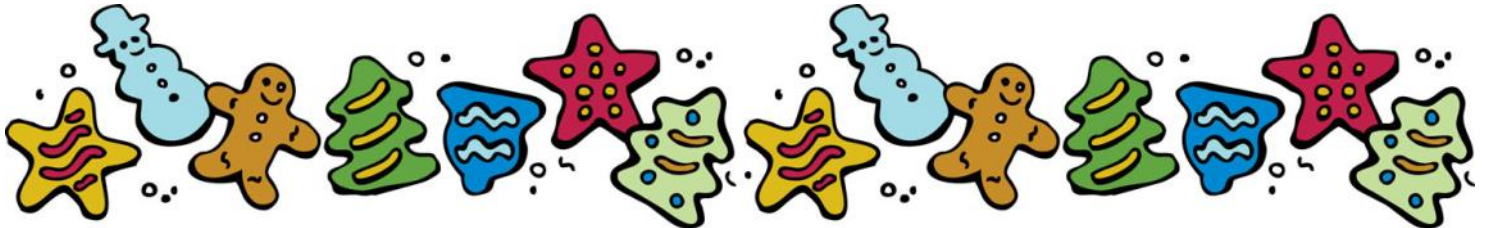
YEAR-END GIVING:

In order to make sure you get tax credit for any last minute donations to the church, please make sure they are received in the church office no later than Wednesday, December 27th. Also, remember that we offer Electronic Giving. Just go to the church website www.murphyfirstumc.org, click on "Donate" at the top right-hand side of the menu and follow the prompts. You can use this for general giving or if you have a special/designated donation, such as for the Harshaw Chapel, etc. Any questions, call Jack Frahmman, Treasurer (828-735-5331). Thanks for your continued generosity to our church family!



TRUSTEES

The Trustees continue to make improvements and work toward improving our church facilities. Recently, Reid Francis, Cobby Barfield and Diane Barfield completed the redo of our parking lot, making it more accessible for our members with limited mobility. Three days of hard work gave us a much better parking situation.



**Monthly Potluck Lunch
after worship on
December 17th!**

In December, **FLOWERS**
for the altar each Sunday will be
provided by:

Dec 3—poinsettias
Dec 10—poinsettias
Dec 17—poinsettias
Dec 24—poinsettias
Dec 31—poinsettias

To reserve a Sunday in 2024 to provide altar flowers, please call the church office at 828-837-2718. Thank You!

Advent & Christmas Event Calendar

December 2—Memories with Santa - 8:30am -11am, Fellowship Hall

December 3—First Sunday of Advent, 11am Communion & Special Music with the Wesley Ringers

December 7—Soul Table, 11am, Fellowship Hall

December 10—Second Sunday of Advent, 11am, Special music from the Children's Choirs and the Wesley Ringers

December 10—Open House at the Parsonage, 4-6 pm, 165 River Mountain Rd

December 14—Staff Christmas Outing at Olives Porch, 10am

December 17—Third Sunday of Advent, New Member Sunday, 11am Special Music with the Wesley Ringers

December 17—Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall

December 17—Caroling, 4pm

December 20—Service of Hope, 6pm

December 21—Soul Table, 11am, Christmas Dinner, Fellowship Hall

December 21—ALPHA - Luminaries

December 22-January 2— Office Closed

December 24—Christmas Eve Morning Worship, 11am

December 24—Christmas Eve, 6:30pm Wesley Ringers Handbells Concert

December 24—Christmas Eve, 7pm Worship Service

December 31—Covenant Renewal Service, 11am



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/11—Drew Mallonee
12/12—Jack Lance; John Snow III;
Nancy Jo Willis, Noah Woods
12/13—David Moore
12/14—Arlene Murphy
12/20—Deannie Avett
12/21—Jodi Alverson; Margaret Freel
12/22—Rick Alringer; Bill Dyer
12/23—Kayla Clonts; Kevin Mendoza
12/26—Torin Rogers
12/29—Terry Brown
12/30—Nikki Washburn
12/31—Grace Nelson; GiGi Snow

DECEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

12/02—Scott & Margaret Freel
12/03—Bob & Theresa Smith
12/11—Jerry & Patti Sims
12/15—James & Paywalla Jallah
12/19—Wil & Lea Posey
12/25—Michael & Elizabeth Thompson
12/30—Jack & Carmen Lance

Trustee on Call for December:
Tori Hughes 828-361-6161



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENTS FOR DECEMBER***

We ask that you come to church on Sundays or continue to watch our Sunday worship livestream platform and stay in touch with your friends and family.

Cross Bearer: Ricky Hill***

Acolytes: Nathanael Posey & Declan Fokakis***

Reader/Liturgist: Ron Jenkins***

Offering Prayer: Cobby Barfield***

Greeters: Mary & Rob Robertson***

Fellowship Lunch Host: Staff/Pastor/Parish Committee

Pew Maintenance: Welcoming Committee

Communion Preparation: Worship Committee

Counters: Karen Watson, Janie Forrister, Dottie Wershing, Anita Sloan

Office Volunteers: Liz Pipes, Linda Ray, Marilyn Jones, Dottie Wershing, Anne Hymen

TRUSTEE On Call: Tori Hughes 828-361-6161

Communications Team: [Sue Bell](#), [Nancy Jo Willis](#), [Diane Barfield](#), [Marji Hill](#)

*** Substitutes can occur.



Children's Volunteer SCHEDULE

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS	SUNDAY CHILDREN HELPERS
Monday, Dec 4,18: Liz Pipes Monday, Dec 11: Anne Hymen Monday, Dec 25, 31: OFFICE CLOSED	Dec 03: 0-2 Room: Fokakis, 3-5 Room: Monica Matthews, Elem Sunday School: Nikki, Worship Readiness: Tori/Lindsay
Tuesday, Dec 5,12,19: Linda Ray Tuesday, Dec 26: OFFICE CLOSED	Dec 10: 0-2 Room: Esther, 3-5 Room: Monica Mintz, Elem Sunday School: Lea, Worship Readiness: Kendra/Snow III
Wednesday, Dec 6,13,20: Marilyn Jones Wednesday, Dec 27: OFFICE CLOSED	Dec 17: 0-2 Room: Terri, 3-5 Room: Nikol, Elem Sunday School: Mary, Worship Readiness: Lea/Palmer
Thursday, Dec 7,14,21: Dottie Wershing Thursday, Dec 28: OFFICE CLOSED	Dec 24: 0-2 Room: Mendoza, 3-5 Room: Snow III, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, Worship Readiness: Marji/Clonts
	Dec 31: 0-2 Room: open, 3-5 Room: Robin, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, Worship Readiness: Kathryn/Jallah



SERVING IN WORSHIP



Serving in Worship

If you are interested in serving as a Liturgist, Crucifer or Acolyte (age 7+), please contact Kathryn Jenkins at 404-395-2390 or rkjenkins330@gmail.com.

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Maggie Corrigan—Admin Asst

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Jack Frahm—Treasurer

treasurer@murphyfirstumc.org

Patty Singer—Nursery Assistant

Mary Lee—Nursery Assistant

Marlene Gray—Nursery Assistant



Special Christmas meal with a VERY special guest will be on December 21st!

All are welcome!

Soul Table Schedule

- * December 7 (soup and sandwich)
- * December 21 (special Christmas meal)
- * January 4 (soup and sandwich)
- * January 18 (hot meal)
- * February 1 (soup and sandwich)
- * February 15 (hot meal)
- * March 7 (soup and sandwich)
- * March 21 (hot meal)
- * April 4 (soup and sandwich)
- * April 18 (hot meal)
- * May 2 (soup and sandwich)
- * May 16 (hot meal)
- * Summer schedule to be determined



Soul Table keeps growing in participants, guests and partners! Sometimes, chef J.P., John Morton and Cobby Barfield are there 3 days a week to prepare food and plan for the months to come. It takes so much work and time, far beyond the Thursday when food is served. Our partners help with donations and support. A huge thanks to Nationwide Insurance for their donation and to Erlanger for supplying SIX turkeys for our holiday meals. Mayor Tim Radford is a regular guest and Steven Aft of State Farm Office helps by meeting and talking to our guests. If you have not come to a Soul Table, you have missed a true blessing. All are welcome!

Contact Cobby Barfield for more information.

The Soul Table free lunch is open to anyone and everyone.

It is a time of food, fellowship and connection.

Soul Table is a ministry of FUMC Murphy and is led by the Mission Team.



The Wesley Ringers are busily preparing to “ring in” the Advent and Christmas seasons with a variety of handbell selections.

For Sunday, **December 3rd**, a rhythmic rendition of **“O Come All Ye Faithful”** leads the way. This is Suzanne’s favorite selection of our handbell repertoire this season, for good reason! The ringers are challenged by some tricky rhythmic passages which, when successfully executed (we have high hopes!), add pizzazz and nuance to this well-loved hymn.

December 10th will bring a handbell arrangement, with pipe organ, of Mozart’s **“Gloria (from the 12th Mass).”** Published in 1819, it was originally set for voices and orchestra. Although Mozart did indeed compose a number of Latin masses, scholars now believe that this *one was actually penned by a someone else!* Still, this “Gloria” movement remains popular. The text proclaims “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men.” The organ converses with the bells, back and forth, as the mass’ text continues, describing Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; Jesus, who sits at the right hand of the Father. For a glorious choral performance of this with orchestra, check out YouTube!

On **December 17th**, the handbells move backward in time in music history to George F. Handel, composer of *Messiah* and also of the tune for **Joy to the World**. This Joel Raney arrangement of that carol employs a number of traditional musical patterns or riffs usually heard on the streets of Europe and Britain when rung by huge steeple church bells. Along with a variety of handbell techniques (thumb tamping, martellato, and shakes), you’ll hear our ethereal metallic hand chimes. A more modern Christmas song, **“O Holy Night,”** might also be featured in the service.

Immediately before the **Christmas Eve service on December 24th**, the Wesley Ringers plan to revisit some of the tunes mentioned above and present other traditional carols including **“Ding, Dong, Merrily on High,” “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming,”** and more. We hope you will be inspired. Bring the family!



ADVENT
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POINSETTIAS

We have purchased artificial poinsettias to use annually in our church, and we are asking for donations toward this purchase.

We will list your donations in the bulletin as memorials and honorarium donations in order to raise funds for other worthy causes.

We are sorry that we will no longer be providing you with poinsettias to take home after the holidays, but believe this is a better use of funds. Maintaining live plants through the holiday season is a major challenge. We thank you for your understanding. Forms for donations are provided in the Sunday bulletins and in the church office from the end of November through the month of December.



3rd Annual Alternative Christmas Program

Here is a new opportunity to change the way we celebrate Christmas. Rather than engaging in the consumerism of the holidays, you can give the gift of a donation to a vetted non-profit, to the friends and family on your shopping list. At the same time, they are educated about outreach programs that serve the less fortunate.

All of the projects on our list have been chosen because they align with the passions and the values of our church members and because they are highly trusted, so your philanthropic decision-making is a little bit easier.

Choose a nonprofit that you know the person on your gift list would be proud of supporting. Give to one of the Alternative Christmas mission projects in the name of this person and send them one of the supplied cards that indicates how their gift is helping others. These gift cards are available from anyone on the Mission Team. The organizations include: REACH, Murphy Homeless Shelter, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, ZOE Empowers, Sharing Center, H.A.V.E.N., Project Agape, Valley River Humane Society, Soul Table, and Cherokee County Ministerial Assn.





“Why This Jubilee” by James C. Howell

Pastor Wil is leading a study of this book for Advent beginning the last week of November. An in-person group will meet on Mondays at 11am in the Fellowship Hall, or another room TBD starting 11/27, and a group will meet via zoom on Tuesday nights at 7pm starting 11/28. We have some books already available for purchase, or people can buy their own online. To sign up for one of these sessions, please contact the church office.



The Willing Hands Circle of the United Women in Faith started our annual **Christmas Box Project** in November and collected donations all through the month. We use these donations to help provide Christmas for students at Murphy High School, Middle School, and Elementary School. We spend the last week of November shopping for gifts and gift cards for the kids. Because of your generosity, last year we were able to help around 60 students, and this year we have already helped 40 students and are still working on a few more. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to give!

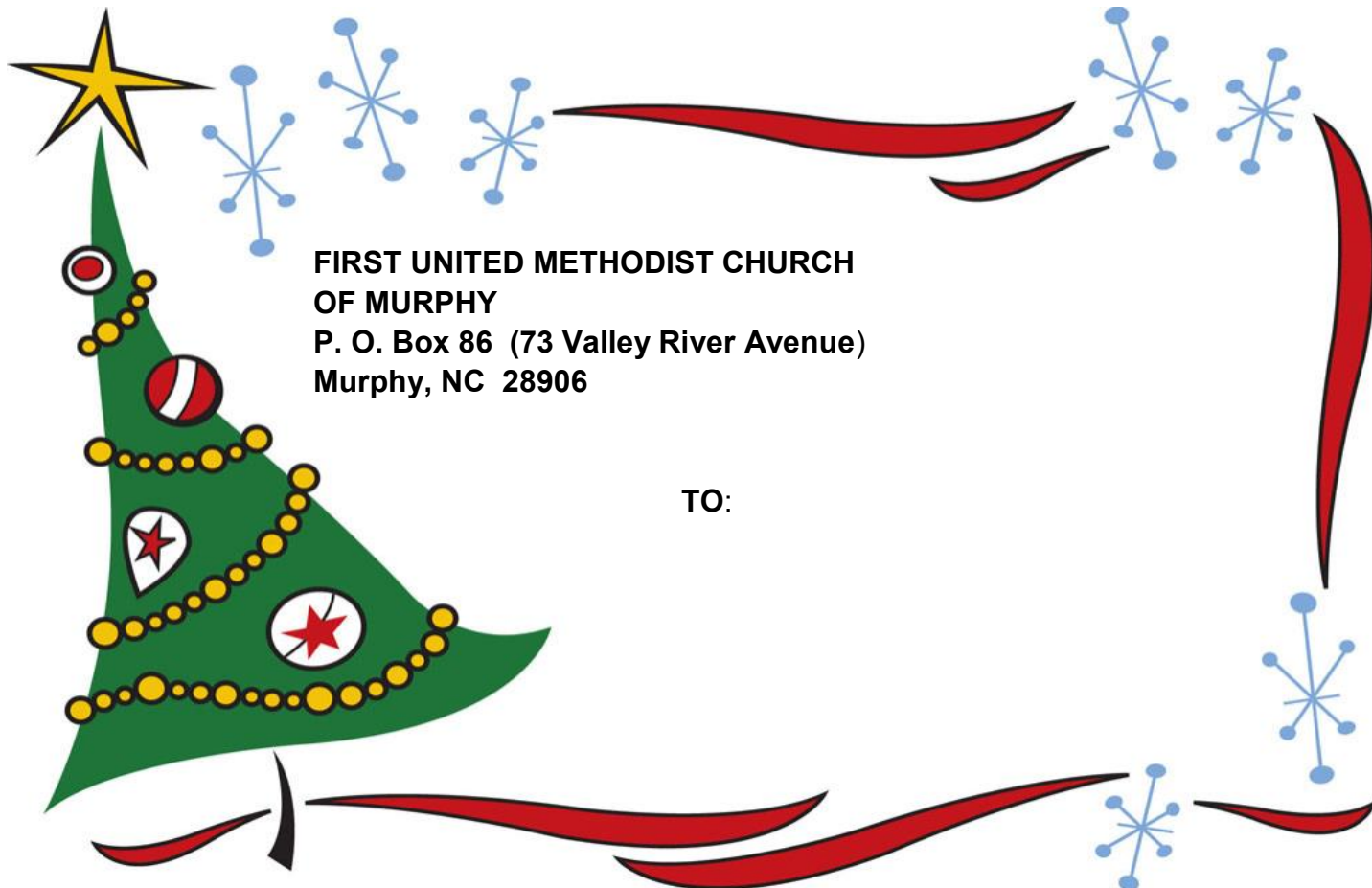


Christmas
Box
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2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>26 10am Sunday School Classes 10:55am Worship 11:15am Worship Readiness (K-2nd) 4pm Decorate the Church</p>	<p>27 11:45am Chair Exercises</p> 	<p>28 9:30am Offering Counters 5:30pm VRR</p>	<p>29 9:30am Mom's Grp 11:45am Chair Exercises 3:30pm Genesis Ch 4pm Revelation Ch 4:30pm Wesley Ringers 6pm Choir Reh.</p>	<p>30 10am Quilters</p>	<p>1 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>2 8am Memories with Santa 9am UMM Executive Mtg</p>
<p>3 Communion Sunday 10am Sunday School Classes 10:55am Worship 11:15am Worship Readiness (K-2nd) 5pm AA Mtg 5pm P'corn & s'mores</p>	<p>4 10am Wood Carving 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>5 9:30am Offering Counters</p>	<p>6 9:30am Mom's Grp 11:45am Chair Exercises 3:30pm Genesis Ch 4pm Revelation Ch 4:30pm Wesley Ringers 6pm Choir Reh.</p>	<p>7 10am Quilters 11am Soul Table</p>	<p>8 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>9 8am UMM FH</p>
<p>10 10am Sunday School Classes 10:55am Worship 11:15am Worship Readiness (K-2nd) 4-6pm Parsonage Open House 5pm AA Mtg</p>	<p>11 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>12 9:30am Offering Counters 5:30pm Trustees</p>	<p>13 9:30am Mom's Grp 11:45am Chair Exercises 3:30pm Genesis Ch 4pm Revelation Ch 4:30pm Wesley Ringers 6pm Choir Reh.</p>	<p>14 10am Quilters</p>	<p>15 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Fellowship Lunch 10am Sunday School Classes 10:55am Worship 11:15am Worship Readiness (K-2nd) 12pm Fellowship Lunch 5pm AA Mtg</p>	<p>18 10am Wood Carving 11:45am Chair Exercises 12pm Missions Team 5pm SPPRC</p>	<p>19 9:30am Offering Counters</p>	<p>20 SOUL TABLE COOKING 9:30am Mom's Grp 11:45am Chair Exercises 3:30pm Wesley Ringers 6pm Service of Hope</p>	<p>21 10am Quilters 11am Soul Table</p>	<p>22 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 10:55am Worship 11:15am Worship Readiness (K-2nd) 6:30pm Handbells 7pm Christmas Eve Svc 5pm AA Mtg</p>	<p>25 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 11:45am Chair Exercises</p> 	<p>28 10am Quilters</p>	<p>29 9:30am Offering Counters 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>30</p>
OFFICE IS CLOSED						
<p>31 10:55am Worship 11:15am Worship Readiness (K-2nd) 5pm AA Mtg</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>4 10am Quilters 11am Soul Table</p>	<p>5 11:45am Chair Exercises</p>	<p>6</p>



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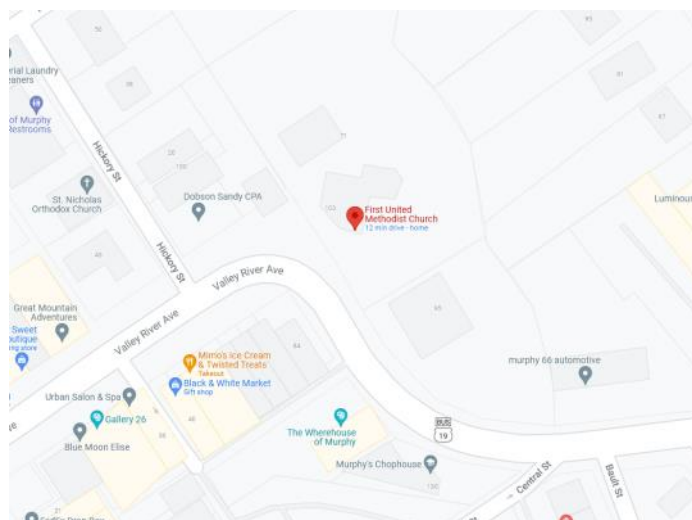
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The church office is open Mondays thru Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If you wish to speak with a member of our church staff, please call the church office at 828-837-2718 and leave a message, or call the desired individual on their cell

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