

**February 2025**

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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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Dear Murphy First,

How's your psalm memorizing going? We've been in the Psalms for about a month now. When we got started, I suggested you might choose 1 psalm and commit it to memory. I remember doing that when I was a kid, and I felt so proud when I could stand before my Sunday School teacher (happened to be my Aunt Marianne) and recite Psalm 23.

At that point, memorizing the psalm was a challenge with a reward dangling in front of me. (Like that candy bar I said I'd have for anyone who has memorized a psalm!) It's come to mean a lot more than that. Those are words that I can recall at any time, and I know that I know that I know them, and more importantly, I know the God about whom the psalm is written.

And when I recall that psalm, I know the comfort, confidence, and peace that comes with being in the care of our Shepherd God. I hope in memorizing a psalm you also come to know that too, and that you grow in your trust of God and find a steady faith that can weather any storm or dark valley because you know God is with you.

So, February 9 is the last Sunday we'll be in the psalms. Catch me by then or before then if you have a psalm to share. I'll be sure to have some candy bars with me to hand out to anyone who has one memorized. You can taste and see that the Lord is good. 😊

Lent is just around the corner. It will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 5, and we'll be exploring "Faith in the Wilderness," with Isaiah and Jeremiah as our guides. There's lots more that comes with the beginning of Lent, but we've also got some goodness to look forward to in February.

On February 9, we've got something special we're working up for worship. We're going to spend time in the psalms of praise—and you know how the psalms call on us to sing praises to God?, and for all creation to praise the Lord?, and that we praise the Lord with tambourine and drum? It's gonna be fun, promise!

The next Sunday, February 16, we will have the students from the Wesley Foundation at Western Carolina University here leading us in worship! They'll be bringing their student worship band to lead the music, and one of the students will tell some of their own faith story.

I remember how important campus ministry was to me when I was in college, so I'm excited for these young people to come—so we can bless them in their faith journey, and so our own kids can begin to have an imagination for what it looks like for them to lead in worship, and to know that college is a great place to explore and deepen your faith. There's a potluck too, so I hope you'll stick around for all sorts of reasons including getting to meet these students.

Grateful to be on the journey with you!

Pastor Wil

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Due to space, activities, etc. the Willing Hands Circle of United Women in Faith will not be holding our White Tag Sale this year. We are focusing on other types of fundraisers right now and very much appreciate all of the support everyone has rendered to us in years' past. Going forward, if you decide to sort through things at home, please take what you don't need to one of our thrift stores in Murphy. Thanks so much and remember that there are always folks we can help, individually or as a group!



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**The Friends of the Harshaw Chapel** are thrilled to share that we've been awarded a \$35,000 grant from the Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority! This, in addition to other grants awarded and funds raised, gets us to a place where we are ready to move forward with the roof and steeple at Harshaw Chapel! We are always grateful for additional gifts that help us fully restore the Chapel.



Thank you for all your generosity that's gotten us to this point! In case you aren't familiar with Harshaw Chapel, it's located in downtown historical Murphy behind Ivy Funeral Home on Peachtree St. Many of the towns earliest pioneers are buried in the cemetery there, including the first settler burial of Nancy Crump in 1835.



The Children's Ministry Team is looking for volunteers who are willing to help in a variety of spaces. If you are interested in helping out in the Nursery, in Sunday School, or in Worship Readiness, please let Drew Ellis know. We would love to plug you in as part of our children's spiritual guides!

For those in Confirmation, this is the schedule of lessons:

February 2	Belonging Together
February 9	Wesley and the Methodists/Wesleyan Quadrilateral
February 16	Connect with Self/The Call of Samuel
February 23	Connect with Church/The Calls of Paul and Timothy



## USHER TRAINING

Every Sunday, we are blessed by the kind and hospitable ministry of a group of ushers. You mostly see them receive the offering, but they are also operating the lift, making sure the sanctuary is safe, and often some of the first friendly faces someone sees when people come into the building.

And we need more folks willing to serve in this important role. This is for women and men. If you're looking for a way to serve on Sunday mornings, and you want to learn more about what it means to be an usher, come join us.

We'll meet in the Sanctuary, right after worship on 2/9. Thank you!



## JUSTICE TEAM

During our Purple Church group several folks talked about what it would look like to keep the conversation going. How do we put our faith into action in public life? What does Christian politics look like?

We're going to be drawing from resources from The UMC to explore contemporary issues and how we might love our neighbor through concrete action.

Our next gathering is Monday, February 10th at 12pm in the Library/Meeting Room beside Pastor Wil's office.

Let Pastor Wil know if you want to know more ([pastor@murphyfirstumc.org](mailto:pastor@murphyfirstumc.org)).

## WILLING HANDS – COME GET TO KNOW US!



**United  
Women  
in Faith**

Know that all women in our church family and also the community are invited to these meetings. 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.

On Wednesday, February 19th, the Greeting Card Ministry will gather at 10:30 am to make more lovely cards for our church family and friends. At 11:30 am we will meet for our regular monthly meeting. We will continue the discussion from January, as we revamp our schedule for the year and look at new projects.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Due to space, activities, etc. we will not be holding our White Tag Sale this year. We are focusing on other types of fundraisers right now and very much appreciate all of the support everyone has rendered to us in year's past.

**Remember:** All ladies of the church are invited to attend any of our meetings or other events! Please consider joining us!



Diane and Cobby Barfield want to express their gratitude to all who have reached out with support during Diane's illness. The food has been amazing, but the love, visits and support has kept us going. Keep praying and thank you!

# Bible in a Year Readings for February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01/26 Psalms 76 - 78	01/27 Psalms 79 - 84	01/28 Psalms 85 - 89	01/29 Psalms 90 - 95	01/30 Psalms 96 - 101	01/31 Psalms 101 - 104	02/01 Psalms 105 - 107
02/02 Psalms 108 - 112	02/03 Psalms 113 - 118	02/04 Psalms 119:1-88	02/05 Psalms 119:89-176	02/06 Psalms 120 - 126	02/07 Psalms 127 - 130	02/08 Psalms 131 - 136
02/09 Psalms 137 - 140	02/10 Psalms 141 - 144	02/11 Psalms 145 - 150	02/12 Proverbs 1 - 2	02/13 Proverbs 3	02/14 Proverbs 4 - 5	02/15 Proverbs 6 - 7
02/16 Proverbs 8 - 9	02/17 Proverbs 10 - 11	02/18 Proverbs 12 - 13	02/19 Proverbs 14	02/20 Proverbs 15	02/21 Proverbs 16	02/22 Proverbs 17 - 18
02/23 Proverbs 19 - 20	02/24 Proverbs 21 - 22	02/25 Proverbs 23	02/26 Proverbs 24	02/27 Proverbs 25 - 26	02/28 Proverbs 27 - 29	03/01 Proverbs 30 - 33



# Murphy Homeless Shelter

PO Box 422, Murphy, NC, 28906

January 6, 2025

Murphy United Methodist Church  
Pastor Will Posey  
PO Box 86  
Murphy, NC 28906

Dear Pastor Posey:

Greetings and prayers that this New Year will bring Joy and Blessing to you and your congregation.

We, at the Homeless Shelter Thrift Store, have been working diligently this past year to upgrade and improve the store. We have worked hard and have truly enjoyed this experience. God has been so very faithful!

As we step into the New Year, we are seeking volunteers to help us continue in the Lord's work. That being said, I am asking you to reach out to your congregation and see if there are any that would like to volunteer at the store. I have enclosed a flyer that you may use in your bulletin or to post on a board. If you would like someone to visit the church to speak about volunteer opportunities, please call me, (number is below). Hours and days to volunteer are up the individual.

If you have interested folks, ask them to contact Carol Paul at 518-321-4190, I would love to discuss opportunities with them.

Thank you for your time and help.

In Christ,

Carol A. Paul  
Board Member

c: Pastor Tim Huff  
Board President

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- WHO:** The Friendship House Thrift Store
- WHAT:** Volunteer to help in numerous ways at the store.
- WHERE:** Homeless Shelter Thrift Store, HWY 64, Murphy
- WHEN:** Days and Hours are open to you!
- WHY:** The Store helps to fund the Homeless Shelter. It's a large store and we can use many hands.

Interested? Call or text Carol Paul, 518-321-4190



## CREATION CARE TEAM

We are forming a Creation Care Team to explore, dream and enjoy God's Creation. If this is something close to your heart and you'd like to get involved, reach out to Sarah-June Ely-McCollum at 828-361-1330.



## Mission Team News

The work of the Mission Team continues in many ways. Donations of \$1000 are made yearly to REACH, the Ministerial Association, the Sharing Center, Hulbert-Johnson House, the Senior Center, and Hinton Center.

The ZOE group has graduated! The Mission Team is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a new group. Each group spends three years in the program. For anyone interested in more information about Zoe, please contact a member of the Mission Team.

During February the Mission Team will be collecting supplies for the Homeless Shelter. Announcements will be in the bulletin for any members who want to contribute.

Soul Table continues to serve our neighbors and provide good food, fellowship and a warm place to gather. Please join us to eat and meet our beautiful community.

The annual Service Sunday will be after Easter. The Mission Team will plan and announce the event.



## Keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:



Ukraine and its people; David Hotchkiss; Sharon Hotchkiss; John McCarley; Danny Lawrence; Dell Douglass; Carl Hyman; Maria McLeod; Christian Manchester; Banks Anderson; Mike Woods; Diane Barfield; Helen Martin; Karen Smith; Bud Penland; Student at MHS; Mary Ledford; Jordan Gregory and Family; UAFS Team; Paula Esposito; Debbie Cocalis; Pati and Erica Sims; Tony Teston; Sheila Snow.

**Prayer Team:** [prayfumc@gmail.com](mailto:prayfumc@gmail.com).

*In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off the names every 3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or by calling the church office.*

828-837-2718 or email: [admin@murphyfirstumc.org](mailto:admin@murphyfirstumc.org)

**Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.**

# February

## Anniversaries

02/10—Noland & Charlene Smith  
 02/19—Thomas & Becky Nelson

**Trustee on Call for February:  
 Grant Corrigan (727-282-9607)**



**Adult Sunday School** meets at 10am in Fellowship Hall led by Wally Avett.

**The Bible Year Classes** meet at 10am in the Education Building and above the sanctuary.

**The Nursery** (Room 202) is available for children aged 0 yrs to Kindergarten from 9:45am-Noon.

**Children's Sunday School** meets in the Education Building at 10am.

**Worship Readiness** (Room 304) for children aged Kindergarten through 4th grade meets during worship following the Pastor's children's moment. Children are welcome in worship and will then be released after Children's Time to return to their nursery or Children's Church. Older children (3rd grade+) should remain with their parents in worship.

# February

## Birthdays

02/02—Connie Madden; Pati Sims  
 02/04—Carmen Lance; Judi Teston  
 02/05—Chris Mintz; Linda Ray  
 02/07—Kathryn Jenkins  
 02/12—Caleb Fokakis; Karen Watson  
 02/14—Patrick Allen; Anna Brinke  
 02/11—Ron Lewis; Mark Mobley  
 02/16—Sara Sherrill  
 02/21—Roy Mendoza  
 02/23—Lucas Fokakis; Ralph Hudson  
 02/25—Julie Hughes;  
 Joseph Brady & John Parker Watson  
 02/26—Bill Schuller  
 02/28—Bill Vespasian

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Jack Frahmann—Treasurer  
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Bridget Esterhuizen—Preschool Director  
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# Murphy FUMC

# Youth Group



**Weekly meetings coming soon.**

**Looking for volunteers!**

Along with studying the Bible and learning about Jesus, we love to have fun and to serve others. Each meeting involves games, a Bible lesson, and small group discussion. We will also offer occasional service opportunities!



# FUMC TASK FORCES FOR 2025

\*Additional Specific Task Forces/Ministry Teams to be developed as needed.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Vera Confer  
 TBD  
 John Morton  
 Jack Frahmman  
 Marilyn Jones  
 Robin Burnette  
 Noland Smith  
 Grant Corrigan  
 Lea Posey  
 Mary Robertson/Kendra Fokakis  
 Sue Bell/Nancy Jo Willis  
 TBD  
 Anita Sloan  
 Charlene Smith  
 Kathryn Jenkins  
 Drew Ellis  
 Karen Watson/Nancy Jo Willis  
 Sue Bell  
 Sue Bell  
 James Jallah  
 Tyra Nelson  
 Hayden Hughes

Chair  
 Vice-Chair  
 Lay Leader  
 Treasurer  
 Finance Chair  
 SPPRC Chair  
 Foundation Chair  
 Trustees Chair  
 Preschoo Chair  
 Children's Council Chairs  
 Communications Chairs  
 Welcoming Chair  
 Missions Chair  
 History Chair  
 Parsonage Chair  
 ALPHA  
 UWF Chairs  
 Congregational Care Chair  
 Membership Chair  
 Annual Conference Delegate  
 Youth Representative  
 Young Adult Representative

## AT LARGE MEMBERS

Lori Nicholson  
 Elaine Sviti  
 Ricky Hill  
 Mary Beth Poncin  
 Randy Allman

Class of 2025  
 Class of 2025  
 Class of 2026  
 Class of 2027  
 Class of 2027

## STAFF

Wil Posey  
 Suzanne West  
 Drew Ellis  
 Maggie Corrigan

Pastor  
 Director of Music  
 Director of Family Ministries  
 Administrative Assistant

## TRUSTEES\*

### Class of 2025

Tori Hughes  
 Grant Corrigan, Chair  
 Bruce Peck  
 Wil Posey, Staff

### Class of 2026

Nancy Cate, Secretary  
 Freddy Lochaby  
 Mark Mobley, Vice  
 Chair

### Class of 2027

Marie Kumar  
 Ursula Lasky  
 Blake Hughes

## FINANCE\*

### Class of 2025

Marilyn Jones, Chair  
 Harold Blackmon  
 Mark Poncin

### Class of 2026

Linda Ray  
 Chris Mintz

### Class of 2027

Kim Barber  
 Morgan Budzinski

## WIL POSEY, STAFF

Jack Frahmman, Treasurer  
 Maggie Corrigan, Fin Secretary

## SPPRC\*

### Class of 2025

Robin Burnette, Chair  
 Kathryn Jenkins  
 David Lamb

### Class of 2026

Liz Pipes  
 Judi Teston  
 Russell Matthews

### Class of 2027

D'Anna Liber  
 Paul Schutes

## WIL POSEY, STAFF

John Morton, Lay Leader, (Ex-officio)  
 James Jallah, Annual Conference Delegate, (Ex officio)

## NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT\*

### Class of 2025

Sue Bell  
 Jessica Avett  
 Terri Stroup

### Class of 2026

Janie Forrister  
 David Hughes  
 John Snow III

### Class of 2027

Gail Peck  
 Carl Hymen  
 Nancy Jo Willis

## WIL POSEY, STAFF

John Morton, Lay Leader, (Ex officio)

<u>FOUNDATION</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
John Snow, III	Anita Sloan, Chair
Marilyn Jones	Janie Forrister
Edward Palmer	Cobby Barfield
Noland Smith, Chair	Diane Bafield
Wil Posey, Staff	James Jallah
Maggie Corrigan, Staff	Marji Hill
	Dottie Wershing
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Esther Manchester	Alice Lewis
Wil Posey, Staff	Becky McCarley
	Wil Posey, Staff
<u>PARSONAGE</u>	
Kathryn Jenkins, Chair	<u>WELCOMING</u>
Freddy Lochaby	Wil Posey, Staff
	TBD
<u>SAFE SANCTUARY</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
Grant Corrigan	TBD
Cathrine Thorley	
John Morton	<u>WORSHIP &amp; COMMUNION</u>
Terri Stroup	Wil Posey, Staff
Wil Posey, Staff	Suzanne West, Staff
	Kathryn Jenkins
	Marji Hill
<u>ALPHA</u>	
Wil Posey, Staff	<u>SAFETY TEAM</u>
Drew Ellis, Staff	TBD

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S COUNCIL</u>
Sue Bell, Co-Chair	Mary Robertson, Co-Chair
Nancy Jo Willis, Co-Chair	Kendra Fokakis, Co-Chair
Marji Hill	Lea Posey
Nancy Cate	Tori Hughes
Maggie Corrigan, Staff	Monica Matthews
	Drew Ellis, Staff
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Lea Posey, Chair	
Charlene Smith	
Ricky Hill	<u>Ad Hoc Parking Lot</u>
Tori Hughes	Ricky Hill
David Lamb	Vera Confer
Marilyn Jones	Wil Posey, Staff
Kendra Fokakis	John Snow III, Project Lead
Monica Matthews	
Wil Posey, Staff	
Drew Ellis, Staff	
Bridget Esterhuizen, Staff	
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Sue Bell, Chair	
D'Anna Liber	
Maggie Corrigan, Staff	
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Karen Watson	Marji Hill
Charlene Smith	Tim Nicholson
Ursula Lasky	Marilyn Jones
Esther Manchester	Billy Ray Palmer
Dottie Wershing	Stacy VanBuskirk
D'Anna Liber	Ricky Hill



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 <i>10am Sunday School Classes</i> <i>10:55am Worship</i> <i>11:15am Children's Church (K-2nd)</i> <i>4pm AA Dinner Mtg</i>	27 <i>12pm Faith in Politics</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i> <i>5pm SPPRC</i> <i>5:30pm Admin Council</i>	28 <i>11am Middle Schoop Camp Mtg</i> <i>5:30pm VRR</i> <i><u>Deadline for Newsletter Input</u></i>	29 <i>8:30am Preschool</i> <i>10am Worship Mtg</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i> <i>1:30pm Bible Year Study</i> <i>3:15pm Children's Choirs</i> <i>4:30pm Wesley Ringers</i> <i>5:30pm Choir</i>	30 <i>9:30am Mom's Morning</i>	31 <i>8:30am Pre-school</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i>	<b>01</b> <i>9:30am Al Anon</i>
<b>02</b> <i>10am Sunday School Classes</i> <i>10:55am Worship</i> <i>11:15am Children's Church (K-2nd)</i> <i>3pm Women's Spiritual Formation</i>	<b>03</b> <i>8:30am Pre-school</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i> <i>6pm Preschool Mtg</i>	<b>04</b> <i>5:30pm VRR</i>	<b>05</b> <i>8:30am Preschool</i> <i>10am Worship Mtg</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i> <i>1:30pm Bible Year Study</i> <i>3:15pm Children's Choirs</i> <i>4:30pm Wesley Ringers</i> <i>5:30pm Choir</i>	<b>06</b> <i>9:30am Mom's Morning</i> <i>11:30am Soul Table</i>	<b>07</b> <i>8:30am Pre-school</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i>	<b>08</b> <i>9:30am Al Anon</i>
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<b>16</b> <i>10am Sunday School Classes</i> <i>10:55am Worship</i> <i>11:15am Children's Church (K-2nd)</i> <i>12pm Potluck Lunch</i>	<b>17</b> <i>8:30am Pre-school</i> <i>11am Mission Team</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i> <i>5pm SPPRC</i>	<b>18</b> <i>5:30pm VRR</i>	<b>19</b> <i>8:30am Preschool</i> <i>10am Worship Mtg</i> <i>10:30am Card Ministry</i> <i>11:30am Willing Hands</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i> <i>1:30pm Bible Year Study</i> <i>3:15pm Children's Choirs</i> <i>4:30pm Wesley Ringers</i> <i>5:30pm Choir</i>	<b>20</b> <i>9:30am Mom's Morning</i> <i>11:30am-Soul Table</i>	<b>21</b> <i>8:30am Pre-school</i> <i>12:30pm Chair Exercises</i>	<b>22</b> <i>9:30am Al Anon</i>
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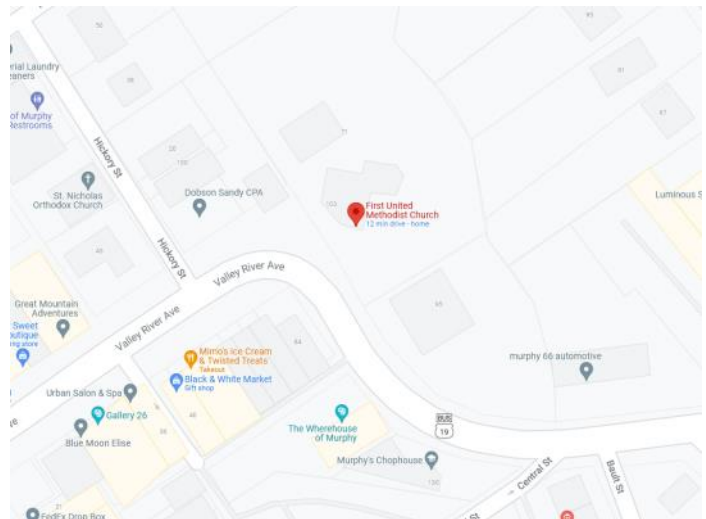
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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