

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

WELCOME AND GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen
Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Wesley Ringers

INTROIT

Choir

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

-Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

UMH 302

****OPENING PRAYER**

Nancy Jo Willis

Lord of Life, in raising Christ Jesus from the dead you opened for us the way to eternal and abundant life. You awaken us to joy with the sound of your voice that calls us by name. You fill our hearts with hope and stir our imaginations with dreams of peace and wholeness for this whole world you love so very much. Send your Spirit to raise us up! Renew our lives! We lift our glad "alleluias," and rejoice in your wondrous love! In the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

****SCRIPTURE READING** John 20: 1-18

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.

SERMON

"Whom Are You Looking For?"

Rev. Wil Posey

SONG OF RESPONSE

Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Marji Hill

Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and yet sometimes we're still skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care.

In the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Wesley Ringers

Ways you can give

Leave a gift in the Offering Plate

Online: www.murphyfirstumc.org/donate

Mail: PO Box 86, Murphy, NC 28906



Scan to give

****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.

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Marji Hill

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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,

forever and ever. Amen.

****HYMN**

"He Lives"

UMH 310

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Wil Posey

****BENEDICTION**

"Here Am I, Send Me"

Here am I, send me, Here Am I Lord Send Me.

Unto thee willingly yielded I come. Show the path that I must walk

Compel me then to go, and if I stray bring back the light of day,

For here am I, send me I pray.

Chiming of the Trinity

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE

The light goes before us into the world.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**** Rise in body or spirit**

Our Service of Worship has ended

Our Worship through Service begins

All are welcomed to Worship.



Join the FUMC Children for an Easter celebration! Easter Egg Hunt on the playground immediately following the Worship Service

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the App or notebooks located in the pews. If you didn't receive the text or email when we cancelled church, please be sure we have your correct phone number and email address.

Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will be posting it to social media.

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

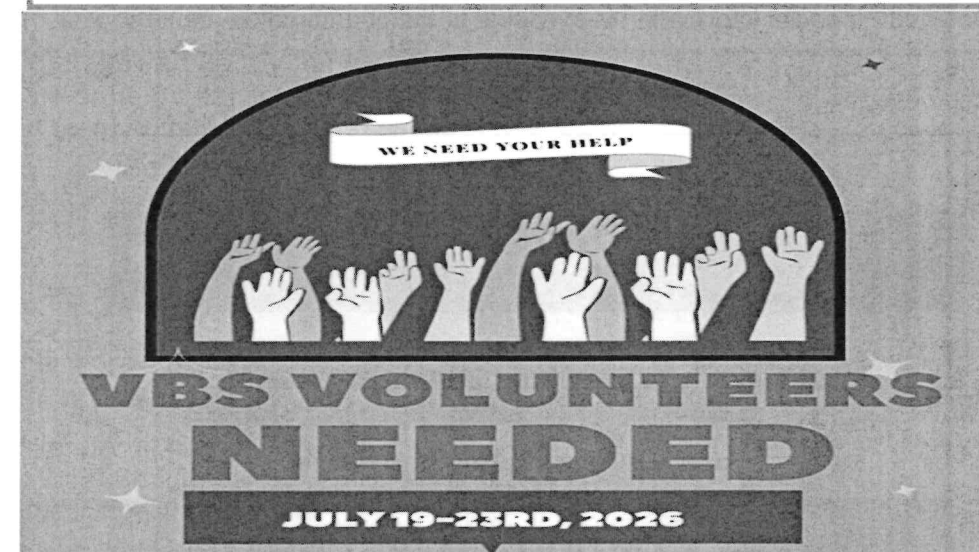
Ukraine and its people; Bill and Barbara Hughes; Carl Auvil; Teresa; Lori; Emma; Alice & Ron Lewis; Cindy; Carolyn; Carl & Christy Osborn; Joe Hartman; Michee Leone; Earl Riggs; Cissy Dyer; Marion Forsyth; Rex Odom; Rosemary Vicknair; Gary Hall; Susan Lee; Bob Parker; Eric Brant; Keisha Licata; Grant Corrigan; Members of the Armed Forces; Diane Sims.

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

NEXT SUNDAY IS SERVICE SUNDAY—please see the insert



Are You interested in having a great time and blessing Murphy's Children this Summer? We need you for Vacation Bible School! Reach out to Bridget Killian 828-541-1222 or Pastor Wil for more information.

Parents of Young Children

During Worship (11am)*

Nursery (2 rooms) - Birth-2, and 3-5 year olds

Worship readiness—K-5th Grade

No Worship Readiness on Communion Sundays. Kids stay in church.



*Nursery is open from 9:45am-12pm, though children are welcome in worship and will then be released after Children's Time to return to their nursery or Worship Readiness or remain in the Sanctuary

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a-gain our glo-ri-ous King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo-ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho-rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev-er-last-ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for-bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri-um-phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re-ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o-pened par-a-dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic-tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res-ur-rec-tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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310 He Lives

1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, he's in the world to-day;
 2. In all the world a-round me I see his lov-ing care,
 3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv-ing, what-ev-er foes may say.
 and though my heart grows wea-ry, I nev-er will de-spair.
 e-ter-nal hal-le-lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer-cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead-ing through all the storm-y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al-ways near.
 the day of his ap-pear-ing will come at last.
 none oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

WORDS: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933
 MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933
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Refrain
 He lives, he lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day!
 (he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way.

He lives, he lives, sal-va-tion to im-part!
 (he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

ACKLEY
 76.76.76.74 with Refrain

Next Week: April 12, 2026
Serve Sunday

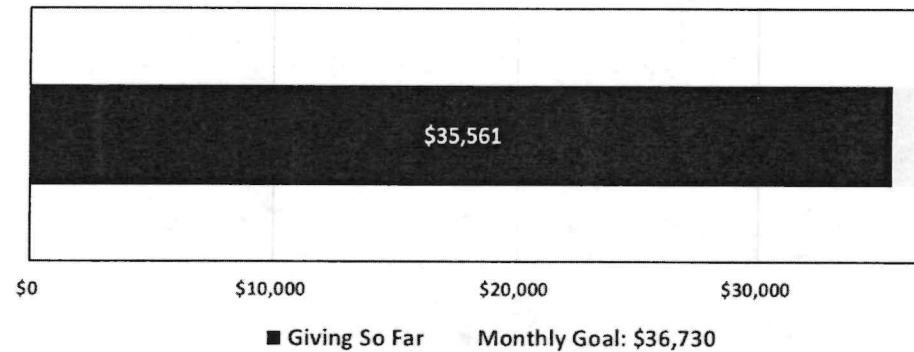
This Week's Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday		Thursday, April 9	
Sunrise Service	7:00 am	Quilters	10:00 am
Potluck Breakfast	9:45 am	Soul Table	11:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am		
Easter Egg Hunt	12:15 pm	Friday, April 10	
		Chair Exercise class	11:30 am
Monday, April 6		Saturday, April 11	
Yoga	10:30 am	Al Anon	10:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am		
Tuesday April 7		Sunday, April 12 Serve Sunday	
Tax Preparation (appointment)	9:00 am	Sunday School	9:45 am
VRR	5:00 pm	Worship Service	11:00 am
Wednesday, April 8			
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am		
History Committee	4:00 pm		
Harshaw Committee	4:30 pm		

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2026

Worship attendance March 29 258
Received March 29 \$ 8,357
Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.

Monthly Giving Report March 2026



KICKBALL AT KONEHETE PARK

MAY 17

3-5 PM

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN AND INTERGENERATIONAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT!

ICE CREAM AND LOTS OF LAUGHS PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO WOULD RATHER WATCH THAN PLAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KENDRA FOKAKIS 601-466-3089 OR PASTOR WIL

KONEHETE PARK FIELD # 699 CONNAHETTA ST. MURPHY NC

NEW TESTAMENT

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WORD LIST

APOSTLE	HEROD	LAMB	ROMANS
CHRIST	JAMES	LUKE	SERMON
CROSS	JESUS	MARK	SPIRIT
GOSPEL	JOHN	PAUL	TEMPLE
GRACE	KINGDOM	PETER	TITUS

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

**First United Methodist Church
Murphy, NC**



TRUSTEE ON CALL

April—Blake Hughes

Staff

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Nursery Workers

Patty Singer, Mary Lee, Marlene Gray, Nancy Shon

**Bridget Esterhuizen, Preschool Lead Teacher/
Director**

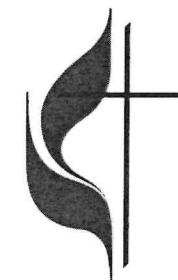
Preschool@murphyfirstumc.org

JoAnn Moore, Preschool Teacher

Everyone, Ministers

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday and Friday Closed



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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