

Mother's Day Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, May 12, 2024 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **The Saints**
Andy Brown & Declan Bingham, Tenor Saxophones

WELCOME Mrs. Paula Hulick

CANDLE BURNING CEREMONY Paula Hulick & Carolyn Pool
L: The light of the flame is a symbol. A symbol to remind us of those who have gone to be with God and those we honor for their Christian light.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

L: A symbol to those near and far doing God's work and those we hold dear in our hearts.

P: He is the light of the world.

L: And a symbol of hope that the world may reap and sew infinite love

P: He is the light of the world. All glory to God, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN **Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know** No. 163

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Mrs. Hulick

RITE OF BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION Pastor Jeff Rudy

CHOIR ANTHEM **Make My Life a Sacrifice** Martin

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Mrs. Hulick
(Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

OFFERTORY **'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus** arr. McKechnie
(with *Clair de Lune* by Claude Debussy) // Tracy Leslie, pianist | Joan Bowker, organist

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Miss Jessica Swift
(Children age 3 through 3rd grade are invited to come down front for the children's message and to attend Children's Worship. Pick up after service in God's Big Backyard located on the lower level.)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION **Blessed Assurance** No. 369

*SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 1:6-17, 21-26** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON **What to Do While You Wait** Pastor Jeff Rudy

WE RESPOND

*HYMN OF INVITATION **Open My Eyes, That I May See** No. 454

*ANNOUNCEMENTS/BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE **Pomp and Circumstance** Elgar

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Happy Mother's Day

To the women who nurture, inspire, and lead with grace, we honor you. Your dedication and sacrifices do not go unnoticed, and we thank God for the gift of your presence in our lives. Wishing you a joyous Mother's Day filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

Memorials

In memory of **Bob Doty** by:

Daryl & Dee Keezer; Ron & Lashlee Foster

In memory of **Virginia Schwettman** by:

Ron & Lashlee Foster; Margaret Fritts; The Shemwell Family

In memory of **Mitch Gibbs** by:

Tom & Sherry Adams; Mike & Kathie Pierce; Gene & Priscilla Schanbacher

In memory of **Jane Hill** by:

Daryl & Dee Keezer; Dale & Carol Galimore; Clay & Nancy Canada; Randal & Pamela Keller; Larry & Brenda Turner; Margaret Fritts; Ron & Lashlee Foster; Joe & Karen Geary; Mike & Kathie Pierce; Brenda Shipp, Staci, Steve, Caroline, & Carter Koenig; Jim & Joy Humpreys; Mike & Rhonda Wicker; Patricia Parrish; Jim & Martha Green; Warren & Sally Hopkins; Jerry & Kay Gupton; The Shemwell Family; Jim Buchanan; Mike & Jan Nutter; Carol Finn; Vita Sanders; Debbie Traver; Ash Stemke

In memory of **Ronnie Pool** by:

Daniel & Henrietta Kemp; Mike & Kathie Pierce; Mike & Rhonda Wicker; Gene & Priscilla Schanbacher; Vita Sanders

In memory of **Ava Watkins** by:

Nathan Crafton

In honor of **Pastor Jeff, Church Staff, and our Church Family** by:

Lynn Wuest

Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

We will have financial information back in the bulletin next week.
Thank you for your patience.

Attendance from Last Sunday

Worship Services: 176	Sunday School: 80
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Ushers

This Week (5/12)	Next Week (5/19)
Early Light: Patricia Parrish Team Traditional: Linda Scott Team	Early Light: Shemwell Team Traditional: Linda Scott Team

Adult Ministry Events for May

16th – Game Day in the social hall at 1:00 PM
23rd – Pagliai's at 11:30 AM – Sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Trivia Night | June 14

Mark your calendars, gather your team, and brush up on your "useful" knowledge for TRIVIA NIGHT hosted by the United Women in Faith.
When: Friday, June 14 at 6:00 PM
Potluck style dinner – hamburgers & hot dogs // More details to come!



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting Sunday, May 26 we will begin Summer Sunday School. Preschool-6th grade will meet in God's Big Backyard from 10-10:50 AM.

DAYSHORE | JUNE 3-7

Online registration is open for DayShore!

DayShore is an opportunity for campers to experience the joy of summer camp within their own community. Together, Lakeshore Camp and Retreat Center and the church, work to provide a Christ-centered week filled with hands-on lessons about God.

Scan the QR code for more information and to register!
Able to volunteer? Contact Colin (kids@murrayfirst.org | (270) 753-3812).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JULY 8-12

Dive below the surface into an amazing undersea adventure where kids experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

Registration is open for participants and volunteers.
Scan the QR code for more information and how to register!



4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH GRADERS – SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

June 3-7 – DayShore
June 24 – Camping Trip
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School
July 24 – Evansville, IN Day Trip



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YOUTH – SUMMER ACTIVITIES

May 27-30 – Appalachia Mission Trip
June 3-7 – DayShore Volunteer Opportunity
June 12 – Holiday World
June 20 – Special Needs Day at the Fair – Volunteer Opportunity
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School Volunteer Opportunity
July 17 – Mammoth Cave



MURRAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HELP MINISTRY

EUNICE'S FOOD MINISTRY | MAY 15

Come help pack food boxes at Need Line on Wednesday, May 15 at 9:30 AM. The food we pack is for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), which provides groceries each month for low-income individuals 60+ years old.

FEEDING AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION | JUNE 12

The food distribution will be moved back one week to June 12th.
Set up at 3:00 PM and distribution at 4:00 PM.

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today at Murray First UMC! If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, you are welcome. Please fill out the Guest Connection Card and place it in the offering baskets. Returning guests, regular attendees and members, please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.

Preparing for Worship

As you begin your worship, we invite you to study the bulletin for upcoming activities and persons to include in your silent prayer of intercession and thanksgiving. Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corporate action possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff, musicians, clergy, and yourself, so that in our common worship, God may be glorified.

Interested in Becoming a Member?

If you are interested in joining the church or have questions about what it means to be a United Methodist, contact Pastor Jeff (pastor@murrayfirst.org or 270-753-3812).

Nursery Care

The nursery is available during worship services for children ages 0-3. The nursery is located west of the Sanctuary. Look for Noah and his friends on the Ark! If you need help finding the nursery, ask one of our friendly ushers.



Mother's Day Concert Today

Today, at 2:30 PM, Todd Hill and his Orchestra will present their fifth annual Mother's Day Concert here at Murray First UMC. The concert is free, and will be performed to raise funds through a love offering for the church's Choral Scholars Program, which assists Murray State music students with their studies in exchange for serving in the Chancel Choir. You don't want to miss it.

Old Duffers and Powder Puffers Coming May 14

You are invited to attend this entertaining program hosted by the Wilson Tucker Frost Circle on Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. The Old Duffers and Power Puffers perform radio scripts, original material, one-act plays, and humorous skits. Their performances are always entertaining and we hope you will come.

Mountain Mission Truck

The Mountain Mission Truck will be in our area at the end of June. You may place your items in the designated area out by the playground starting on Sunday, June 23rd through Tuesday, June 25th. Urgent needs: bed sheets, comforters, blankets, pillows, towels, wash cloths, bedspreads, quilts, socks and underwear (men, women, & children), purses, swimwear, crafting supplies (i.e. yarn, material), pots and pans. The warehouse/office is in need of 33-gallon size trash bags, paper towels, and air freshener spray.

PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of May 9, 2024)

Brought to Our Attention

Howard & Ruth Brandon Jan Nutter
Matt Groner (Lynn Wuest's family) Laura West Family
Appalachia Mission Team as they prepare for their trip

Those journeying through cancer or long-term illness

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's brother-in-law) Greg McNutt
Dana Bazzell Jane Venice (Holly Bloodworth's mom)
Stacy Bilodeau Stan Waller
Lucy Boss (5 year old in community) Pat Weatherly
Jackie Crihfield (Jill Andersen's sister) Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)
Mike Faihst Emily Wilson (Katherine Gomez's sister)

Submit a prayer request using the prayer card in the pew racks or at murrayfirst.org/prayer-requests.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12	
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
2:00 PM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
2:30 PM	Mother's Day Concert (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room)
Monday, May 13	
6:00 PM	Trustees Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
Tuesday, May 14	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
9:30 AM	Quilters Old Duffers & Powder Puffers Performance (Social Hall)
Wednesday, May 15	
9:30 AM	Quilters Eunice's Food Ministry (Need Line)
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Wednesday Book Study (CLC Conference Room)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM	Praise Team Practice
Thursday, May 16	
1:00 PM	Adult Ministry Game Day (Social Hall)

Coming Up:

May 19 – Confirmation Sunday (Both Services)
June 3-7 – DayShore
June 14 – Church-wide Trivia Night
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School
July 14 – VBS Sunday – One Service at 10 AM

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Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.
Jeff Rudy, Senior Pastor
Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

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Welcome, Morning Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer – Vicky Crafton
Candle Burning Ceremony – Charlsie Williams & Kendra Shemwell

Songs of Praise

In Christ Alone

Raise a Hallelujah

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Vicky Crafton
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Offertory Music – *Gratitude* – Holly Bloodworth & Declan Bingham

We Hear God's Word

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Sermon – **What to Do While You Wait** – Pastor Jeff Rudy

We Respond

Song of Response – *The Blessing*
Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy
Departing Song