

Congratulations to the Class of 2024

High School Graduates



Jacob Akin, Calloway Co. High School

Jacob is graduating from Calloway County High School. During high school, Jacob participated in FFA and was part of the baseball team, bass fishing team, and trap shooting team. Jacob serves his church by sharing his talent of guitar for the Youth Worship Team and the Sunday morning Praise Team. Jacob will attend Murray State University this fall and major in Ag Business.



Caleb Darnell, Calloway Co. High School

Caleb is graduating with distinguished honors, with an EOP in Engineering Design from Calloway County High School. During high school, he participated in student council, Beta club, National Honors Society, Skills USA, CCHS Robotics, and many other activities. Caleb attended Governor's Scholar Program and has received many academic certificates and awards including NIMS Machining and ATC Rotary Student of the month. Caleb will attend Murray State University this fall and major in Engineering Physics.



Aiden Grooms, Calloway Co. High School

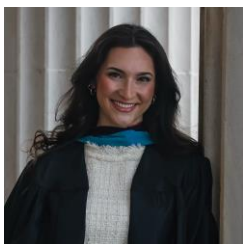
Aiden is graduating as Valedictorian with distinguished honors from Calloway County High School. He was voted "Most Dependable" senior and Mr. CCHS and has received many accolades and awards including Student of the Month (CCHS, Rotary, and The Murray Bank) and KY State Fair blue ribbon for tractor restoration. Aiden has participated and held an officer position in FFA, FBLA, Lakers for Christ, and was the founder and president of the Interact Club. He is also part of the National Honors Society, Beta Club, and Leadership Tomorrow and an eight-year Cross Country Team athlete. Aiden serves his church by sharing his talents of guitar and banjo for the Youth Worship Team and the Sunday morning Praise Team and has served on many youth mission trips and activities. Aiden will attend Murray State University this fall and major in Agricultural Systems Technology.



Baylee Shelton, Graves Co. High School

Baylee is graduating from Graves County High School. During high school, she has been an active member and held an officer position in FFA and HOSA Club. Baylee participated in cross country and track for three years and received the MSU All Region Star award this year. As a high school senior, she was given the opportunity to gain valuable experience through an Agriculture Internship with Mayfield Veterinary Clinic. Baylee will attend Murray State University this fall and major in Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

Graduate School



Eleri Gesler, Western Kentucky University

Eleri is graduating with a Master's degree in Public Administration from Western Kentucky University.

College Graduates



Gwynnie Gesler, Western Kentucky University

Gwynnie is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising from Western Kentucky University. She has accepted a position of assistant merchant with Cato Corporate Office in Ft. Myers, FL.



Ryn Jenkins, Murray State University

Ryn is graduating with honors with a degree in Vocal Performance and Trumpet Performance and was awarded the James D. Crutchfield Leadership Award. Ryn is one of the students in our Chancel Choir. This fall, Ryn will attend the University of North Texas to pursue a graduate degree in Trumpet and Vocal Performance.



Hannah Moore, Murray State University

Hannah is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science – Pre-Health Therapy. During her time at MSU, she was active in the Marching Band Color Guard. This fall, Hannah will begin the Occupational Therapy Graduate Program at Murray State University.



Mallory Moore, Murray State University

Mallory is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a teaching certificate in Social Studies. During her time at MSU, she was active in the Marching Band Color Guard. After graduation, Mallory hopes to begin her teaching career.



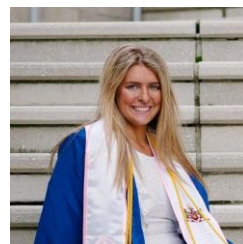
Traicoryon West, Murray State University

Trai is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music and Performance. He has participated in National Association of Teachers of Singing and has won many awards: 3rd place regionals (2021) and 1st place finals (2023) in the Hall Johnson American Negro Spiritual category. Trai is one of the students in the Chancel Choir. After graduation, he plans to perform all over Murray and Paducah as he makes his way to Broadway.



Alyssa Wicker, University of Kentucky

Alyssa is graduating with a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in Clinical Leadership and Management from the University of Kentucky. After graduation, Alyssa plans to take a gap year before starting Physical Therapy School.



Jessica Wicker, University of Kentucky

Jessica is graduating with a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in Medical Laboratory Science from the University of Kentucky. After graduation, Jessica plans to take a gap year before starting Med School.



KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

(for K – 6th grade)

It's the last Wednesday night for the semester. Olympics night! Wear appropriate attire for playing games.

Dinner at 5 PM | Menu: Hamburgers & a visit from the ice cream truck

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!



SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 456 (for 4th – 6th grade)

Tonight is our last Sunday night of the semester. See you at 5 PM!

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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SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Tonight is our last Sunday night of the semester. See you at 5 PM!

YOUTH IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Last Wednesday night of the semester!

Dinner in the gym at 5 PM | On the menu: Hamburgers

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

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.

Nursery Care

The nursery is available during worship service 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.



Communion Offering

Today's communion offering will support the Golden Cross Senior Ministries – a Christian ministry that uses individual donations to provide for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of seniors living in the affordable housing, independent living and assisted living communities, provided by Wesley Living. Our giving specifically supports the needs of the Murray Wesley Housing residents.

Ushers

This Week (5/5)
Youth Team

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

Candle Burning Ceremony | Forms Due May 6

Every year the United Women in Faith support a church-wide candle burning to honor and/or remember loved ones in our lives. This year the candle burning ceremony will be on Mother's Day – May 12th. For a donation of \$5 per person or group, you can have your loved one(s) included in this ceremony. *Forms available in the Narthex and church office. Please turn in to the church office by May 6th.* Please make checks out to UMW. All donations will be forwarded to the United Women in Faith global mission efforts for women and children in the United States and around the world.

Mother's Day Concert | May 12

At 2:30 PM Sunday, May 12, 2024, Todd Hill and his Orchestra will present their fifth annual Mother's Day Concert at Murray First United Methodist Church. The big band is in its 41st year and will feature Kayla Marie Little on vocals, Derek Jones on clarinet and alto saxophone, John Madole on drums along with sixteen more professional musicians from throughout the region (and beyond). 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 at FUMC, while learning to serve as church leaders themselves. Todd says, "It doesn't matter how many of the concerts you've attending before, this show will pack a lot of new material for you that you haven't seen or heard before, including a centenary salute to the Roaring 20s, a World War II Tribute, and many more surprises."

PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of May 2, 2024)

Brought to Our Attention

Howard & Ruth Brandon Jan Nutter

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 5	
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Youth Sunday Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship 456 (Gym) Fellowship UMY (Gym)
Monday, May 6	
3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
5:30 PM	Missions Committee Meeting (CLC Conf. Room)
Tuesday, May 7	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym) Staff Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
9:30 AM	Quilters
6:30 PM	Vision Committee Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
Wednesday, May 8	
9:30 AM	Quilters
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Wednesday Book Study (CLC Conference Room)
5:00 PM	UMKids (Gym) UMYouth (Gym)
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM	Praise Team Practice
Thursday, May 9	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)

Scripture of the Day – 1 John 4:15-16

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

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

Youth Sunday | Order of Worship

Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00 AM

We Gather to Worship

Welcome & Morning Prayer – Madeline Burton

Songs of Praise

We Believe

Who You Say I Am

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Ashton Robinson

Offertory Music – *King of Kings*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading – **1 John 4:15-21** – Tommy Gomez

Message – *The Power of Love* – Skylar Waller & Aiden Grooms

Communion

Prayer of Confession and Pardon led by Pastor Jeff Rudy

Consecration and Communion

We Respond

Song of Response – *I'll Fly Away*

Senior Recognition – Colin Moore

Announcements and Benediction – Nick Murrell

Departing Song

Ushers: Emilio Gomez, Emma Grooms, Levi Grooms, JJ Moats, and Jordyan Moats

Media Team: Tanner Morgan

Praise Team: Jacob Akin, Sinjin Gesler, Aiden Grooms, Nick Murrell, Madelyn Myers, and Skylar Waller