

Communion Sunday | Third Sunday in Lent

Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, March 3, 2024 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Behold the Lamb* arr. Payne
 WELCOME, MINISTRY MOMENT & MORNING PRAYER Pastor Jeff Rudy
 *OPENING HYMN *What Wondrous Love is This?* No. 292

WE PROCLAIM

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Dr. Todd E. Hill
 (Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)
 OFFERTORY *I Thirst* Ruth Elaine Schram
 Chancel Choir
 *DOXOLOGY No. 95
 *HYMN *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* No. 286
 *SCRIPTURE READING **John 19:28-29** Pastor Jeff Rudy
 SERMON *I Am Thirsty* Pastor Jeff Rudy

WE RESPOND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Pastor Jeff Rudy
 Pastor & People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**
 Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
 People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**
 Pastor & People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

CONSECRATION AND COMMUNION Pastor Jeff Rudy & Dr. Todd E. Hill
 Word & Table III
 No. 15-16

*HYMN *O Love Divine, What Has Thou Done?* No. 287
 *ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy
 *CHORAL BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE *Joyous Praise* Larson
 *You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Dr. Todd E. Hill, Chancel Choir & Traditional Worship Director | Joan Bowker, Organist

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of **Keith and Jean Kennedy** from Tony & Krista Thompson, Drew, Dana, & Leland Thompson, and Tony, Chelsea, Molly, Jack, and Max Ryan.

Memorials

In memory of **Bill Wilson** by: Jim & Martha Green
 In memory of **Bonnie Jones** by: Margaret Fritts; Ron & Lashlee Foster; Daryl & Dee Keezer; Linda Gracey; Bill Hitch; Cliff & Charlotte Harris; Warren & Sally Hopkins

Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

Received week of February 25, 2024: \$9,304.26

Receipts YTD: \$83,168.25	Budget YTD: \$109,230.60
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Attendance from Last Sunday

Worship Services: 266	Sunday School: 116
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Today's **Communion Offering** will support Lakeshore Scholarships. Lakeshore is a camp and retreat center in Eva, Tennessee that host camps and retreats for kids of all ages. These scholarships help offset the camp costs for the children & youth who go from our church.

Ushers

This Week (3/3)	Next Week (3/10)
Early Light: Mike Nutter Team	Early Light: Patricia Parrish Team
Traditional: Matt Pool Team	Traditional: Matt Pool Team

Caring Friends Birthdays

March 31 – Mary Ellen Walker
 4040 Cannonball Trail, Apt 222, Yorkville, IL 60560

Job Opening – Part-time Director of Contemporary Worship

The Director of Contemporary Worship provides musical and organizational leadership for the contemporary worship service including responsibility for the planning, preparation, and coordination of all aspects of the service in consultation with the Senior Pastor. If you or someone you know would be interested, please visit murrayfirst.org/employment for a detailed description. To apply send a cover letter and resume to info@murrayfirst.org.

Spring Bible Studies Postponed

Visual Theology and *Attend the Ordinances* have been postponed to a later date (TBD).

March Committee Meetings

Media, Trustees, & Finance Joint Meeting – Monday, March 11 at 6 PM
 Finance Committee – Tuesday, March 19 at 5:30 PM
 Staff Parish Relations Committee – Thursday, March 21 at 6 PM
 Church Council – Tuesday, March 26 at 6 PM

Thank You

Thank you to all for the monetary donations and volunteering to pack the snack bags for the backpack program. These bags will be given out for the month of March. Join us in praying for all the children who will be receiving these snacks.



UMKids MUSIC | SUNDAY NIGHT

(for K-6th grade)
 Ukuleles at 4:00 PM
 Handbells at 4:30 PM

KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

(for K – 6th grade)
 Drop off at 5 PM in the Gym for dinner. On the menu: Spaghetti
 Series: *Glow in the Dark*
 Pick up in God's Big Backyard at 7 PM.

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

See you at 5 PM tonight. Drop off in the gym.
 Pick up by the playground at 7 PM.

FELLOWSHIP 456 LOCK-IN | March 15

Get excited for our 4th-6th grade lock-in!
 Theme: 1 Timothy 4:12
 Drop off at 7 PM on Friday, March 15. Eat dinner before you come.
 Pick up at 7 AM on Saturday, March 16. Be sure to sign-up yourself and your friends online (scan the QR code), on the bulletin board outside the church office, or directly with Ms. Jessica by Wednesday, March 13.



UMY@503

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

See you at 5 PM tonight in the gym!

YOUTH IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Dinner in the gym at 5 PM | On the menu: Spaghetti
 Continuing our series on *Tough Questions*.

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP | MAY 26-29, 2024

Please see Colin for the information on the mission trip.



MURRAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HELP MINISTRY

FEEDING AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION THIS WEEK

The next food distribution date is Wednesday, March 6.
 Set up begins around 3 PM and distribution at 4 PM.

EUNICE'S FOOD MINISTRY

Come help pack food boxes at Need Line on Wednesday, March 20 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.

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 on 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?

We will have a Membership Interest Meeting TODAY during the Sunday school hour (10-10:45 AM). This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with Pastor Jeff Rudy to learn more about the United Methodist Church, what membership entails, and to answer any questions you have. If you are unable to meet with Pastor Jeff today, or you would like to meet with him separately, please email him at pastor@murrayfirst.org or call the church office (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.



Save the Date: Women's Ministry Event | March 17

Women, join us for an interactive study of The Lord's Prayer on Sunday, March 17. We will begin our study with fellowship and eating together at 5 PM in the Social Hall. Dinner is potluck style, so bring your favorite salad type dish, finger foods, or dessert to share. You may register to attend online at murrayfirst.org/women or on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Sign up online

Holy Week and Easter at Murray First UMC

Mark your calendars for Holy Week services in March starting with Palm Sunday on March 24th. Noonday services take place Monday, March 25 through Thursday, March 28 in the sanctuary followed by lunch in the social hall. This year United Methodist Pastors from Calloway County will deliver the messages. Then on the evening of Thursday, March 28, we hope you will attend the Holy Thursday & Tenebrae Service at 6 PM in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday is March 31st! Worship with us at 9 AM or 11 AM and join us in a special time of celebration in the gym for at 10 AM. We will have donuts, coffee, and drinks available while you fellowship together and an Easter egg hunt for the kids!

PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of February 29, 2024)

Brought to Our Attention

Dana Bazzell
Howard & Ruth Brandon
Trevor Jordan (Robin Jordan's Brother)

Marie Lyons
Bro. Jim Stahler
Dorothy Steinke

Those journeying through cancer or long-term illness

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's bro-in-law)
Jessica Biggert
Rhonda Black (Randy Black's Sister)
Lucy Boss (5 year old in our community)
Jackie Crihfield (Jill Andersen's Sister)
Mitch Gibbs
Mike Faihst

Eric Orbeck (Carrie Orbeck's Husband)
Virginia Schwettman
Jane Venice (Holly Bloodworth's Mom)
Stan Waller
Pat Weatherly
Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)
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, March 3

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)
4:00 PM	Youth Pickleball (CLC Gym) UMK Ukulele Practice
4:30 PM	UMK Handbells Confirmation Class (Youth Area)
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship 456 (CLC Gym) Fellowship UMY (CLC Gym)

Monday, March 4

3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
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Tuesday, March 5

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym) Staff Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
9:30 AM	Quilters

Wednesday, March 6

9:30 AM	Quilters
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Women's Book Study (CLC Conference Room)
4:00 PM	Feeding America Food Distribution
5:00 PM	UMKids (CLC Gym) UMYouth (CLC Gym)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM	Praise Team Practice

Thursday, March 7

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
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Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

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Songs of Praise

Our God

King of Kings

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Pastor Jeff Rudy

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Offertory Music – *Glorious Day* – Praise Team

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading – **John 19:28-29**

Sermon – *I Am Thirsty* – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Communion

Prayer of Confession and Pardon led by Pastor Jeff Rudy

Consecration and Communion

We Respond

Song of Response – *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song

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