



✓ **2 INDOOR, ONSITE SERVICES EACH SUNDAY:**  
(Social distancing & masks required. No RSVP needed.)

- ★ 8:30am: Traditional Service in our Sanctuary
- ★ 11:00am: Contemporary Service in our Christian Life Center

✓ **ONLINE:** Available beginning at 8:30am each Sunday morning via: & [live.munsey.org](http://live.munsey.org)

### RETURN OF ONSITE WORSHIP

We have resumed onsite worship with our standard safety protocols! We will continue to provide online worship in all the usual places. Join us at church or online!

### LENTEN RESOURCES:

- *The Sanctuary for Lent 2021* by April Casperson, a Lenten devotional study book is available for each family. Pick one up on Sundays at the main entrance (glass doors) or during the week at the Connection Point from 9:00am - 4:30pm.
- Family Ministries has created resources to help families journey through Lent together. All our resources are available at [www.munsey.org/lent](http://www.munsey.org/lent). We look forward to journeying through Lent with your family!

### UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES:

- **WEDNESDAY MORNING FAST TRACK ZOOM: Thinking about studying the Bible more seriously?**
  - Join our Wednesday morning Fast Track (original Disciple was thirty-four weeks) Disciple Course via Zoom. The course is laid out in two twelve-week sessions, one for each testament. There is a participant book to guide you. Each participant has between 4-5 hours of preparation each week. We will be meeting via Zoom at 10:00am each Wednesday for 75 minutes. Classes are March 10—May 26 for the Old Testament and Sept. 1—Nov. 17 for the New Testament. Email Sally Lee ([Lees@etsu.edu](mailto:Lees@etsu.edu)) if you are interested in being in the group, and let her know by March 1 so we can get the book to you.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM STUDY: Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess**
  - Each Wednesday at 6:00pm, a small group facilitated by Kathie Wilson-Parker meets by Zoom for a time of sharing and study. On March 10, they will begin a new study called *Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess*. In *Restored*, author Tom Berlin encourages us to reflect and meditate through our own brokenness, showing us that it is only when we focus on the cross as a place to surrender control that we can leave our mess and find true redemption. Anyone is welcome to join this group. The book is \$12 and can be picked up at the Connection Point. For more information and to receive the Zoom link, contact Kathie at [revkrwp@Ls.net](mailto:revkrwp@Ls.net).

### A LETTER FROM CAROL WILSON

This spring offers a time of preparation for new beginnings. Tomorrow, March 1, I begin a Formational and Spiritual Growth Leave. As an expression of our Wesleyan emphasis on life-long growth in faith, the 2016 Book of Discipline offers the opportunity for pastors to pursue renewal and personal growth through spiritual formation, personal spiritual practices, and continuing education for a period of up to 6 months while continuing to stay in their current appointment. I am grateful for this opportunity to practice what we often preach—that Jesus came to bring life in its abundance—and to have the opportunity to change my ministry focus with the congregation to one of prayer as I also care for my own well-being.

During the time of this leave, Michael Lester and Doug Grove-DeJarnett will provide the oversight for the daily operations and ministries of the church. I am deeply thankful for their sharing of their gifts, skills, and time to make this leave possible, and I have complete confidence and trust in them and the staff and lay leadership of the congregation who are so committed and equipped to serve well.

At the conclusion of my leave, I will experience another new beginning when I move into retirement beginning July 1. March will bring the time when Bishop Taylor and her cabinet will begin the process of projecting the appointment of Munsey's new Senior Pastor. An announcement of the new appointment will be made by May. My last Sunday as Senior Pastor of Munsey will be June 13 and I will be in worship with the congregation on that day.

My prayer is that this will be a time of preparation for new beginnings by the congregation. We all hope and pray that community health will open the way for renewed ministry opportunities in the coming months. We want to be prepared to come through the events of the past year ready to serve and ready to see what God is calling us to in the future.

Preparation times call us to renewed faithfulness. We believe that God's grace works to bring good even from our most challenging moments. This spring is a vital time for us to commit to our shared discipleship practices:

**Prayers** for each other and for our continued service for the years to come, **Presence** in worship online and on-site and through texts, calls, cards, Zoom, and other contacts, **Gifts** through faithful practices of generosity and giving to God through the ministries of the church, **Service** through the ministry opportunities of the church, and **Witness** by speaking and living in ways that encourage our faith to grow and be shared with others.

Here are some particular areas we've identified where help is welcomed during this transitional time. Please reach out to the contacts below with your availability if you would like to help!

- Volunteering to **participate in worship** as a scripture reader or singer/musician — Sanctuary: Doug Grove-DeJarnett ([doug@munsey.org](mailto:doug@munsey.org)) / Journey (Brett Smith ([brett@munsey.org](mailto:brett@munsey.org)))
- **Delivering communion** packets to homebound members: monthly porch or front desk drops - Lucille Hart ([lucillehart@charter.net](mailto:lucillehart@charter.net))
- **Volunteering on Sundays** to usher, greet, etc. - Tricia Nguyen ([tricia.nguyen@yahoo.com](mailto:tricia.nguyen@yahoo.com))
- Volunteering at the **Connection Point on weekdays**: mornings or afternoons - Sally Lee ([Lees@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:Lees@mail.etsu.edu))
- Volunteering in the **office** for help with printing, folding, etc. - Cathy Szucs ([cathy.szucs@munsey.org](mailto:cathy.szucs@munsey.org))
- Serving "in" the **Melting Pot** on Saturdays or Sundays - Steve Wheeler or Jean Stead (see back page)

We are an Easter people who trust that God is always bringing new beginnings that lead to new life. Let's commit ourselves this Lent and Easter season to be attentive to God's restoring grace and to pray with hearts and minds and lives wide open to receive all that God would offer to us and through us. Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace to you,  
Carol

## MUNSEY APP

Our Munsey App is now available in the Apple & Google Play Store once again! From this app, you can watch sermons, find the Messenger, Youth, and KidMin newsletters, read the weekly Update, give, and more!



## CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN

Camp Bays Mountain is planning to host camp this summer, and registration is now open! They're also accepting staff applications, and more information can be found at [www.campbaysmountain.com](http://www.campbaysmountain.com).

We hope to have several campers from Munsey attend again this summer and are offering a \$100 scholarship to Munsey children or youth who register for summer camp at Bays Mountain. If you're interested in registering for camp with a Munsey scholarship, please contact Amanda Onks ([amanda@munsey.org](mailto:amanda@munsey.org)).



## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Are you looking for a new, fun way to spend these cold winter days? You can pick up and drop off puzzles at the table near the Connection Point between 9:00am—4:30pm on weekdays. Feel free to come and pick one up even if you don't have one to leave. We hope that this will bring much enjoyment during this time when we can't gather together in usual ways, and into the future when we can. When preparing to leave a puzzle it is suggested that the pieces be placed in a baggie then back in the box.

## ESTIMATE OF GIVING

We are so grateful for your generosity that allows us to participate in God's transformation of the world! If you haven't returned your 2021 Estimate of Giving card, please do as soon as possible. You may complete the form at [www.munsey.org/pledge](http://www.munsey.org/pledge) at any time, bring it to church, or schedule a pick-up by calling the church at 423-461-8070.

## SEND

*Steve Wheeler ([steve@munsey.org](mailto:steve@munsey.org)), Director of Missions*

## ZOOM WITH UHURU ACADEMY STUDENT



We have an incredibly special opportunity for you! We are starting to coordinate Zoom calls with Uhuru students and their sponsors.

Would you like to meet Josephine Wavinya (left) face-to-face? She is a Form 4 student (Senior) and one of the students that Munsey sponsors to attend high school at Uhuru Academy in Kenya. She would love to meet you! You have the opportunity to ask her questions and get to know her before she graduates in April.

**Our Zoom call with Josephine will be Sunday, March 14, at 10:00am, and will last between 30—45 minutes.**

Please let Donna Crosswait know if you would like would join the call (423-677-5808 or [donna@freedomglobal.org](mailto:donna@freedomglobal.org)).

## HELP WITH MELTING POT BRUNCH?

The Melting Pot Ministry Team is looking for help in serving the Open Door Brunch Bags on Sunday mornings. During the pandemic, we have been serving brunch in a bag on Sunday mornings (outside) to let them know we are still here and care about them even though we are not worshipping together. We have many open dates for Sundays in 2021. If you, your family, or small group would like to participate in serving those in need, contact Jean Stead, [steadj@etsu.edu](mailto:steadj@etsu.edu), to sign up for a Sunday.

During the winter, we need groups to provide 25 bags with the following items on Sunday mornings:

- Boiled eggs, individually wrapped
- Cheeses, individually wrapped
- Breakfast bars, soft not crunchy
- Juices
- Fruit, easy to eat—not apples
- Pastries, individually wrapped
- Cheese crackers
- Candy



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## CARE

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Judy Ingala, Leslie Kersey

**RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL:** Glenn Pennington

**SYMPATHY:** to Lynda Newman on the death of her brother, Gary Robertson, February 19 in Jonesborough, TN

## CHILDREN

*Katie Jackson ([katie@munsey.org](mailto:katie@munsey.org)) & Kristi Estes ([Kristi@munsey.org](mailto:Kristi@munsey.org)), Directors of Children's Ministries*

## MUNSEY KIDS VARIETY SHOW

We received so many wonderful videos for our Virtual Variety Show and can't wait to share them with you! We hope all our Munsey family will tune into Facebook Live today at 3:00pm to enjoy the show!

## SAFETY UPDATE

We continue to stay in touch with the Holston Conference regarding guidelines for children's ministry during this pandemic. We currently aren't able to host children's groups but continue to be in conversation about safety updates and what we may do when we are able. We miss seeing your kiddos so much and look forward to when we're able to meet with them again!

## YOUTH

*Caitlin King ([caitlin@munsey.org](mailto:caitlin@munsey.org))  
& Michael King ([michael.king@munsey.org](mailto:michael.king@munsey.org)),  
Co-Directors of Youth Ministry*

## LIFE GROUPS

We're excited to be back in person for Life Groups from 6:00 -7:00pm each week! We've reserved rooms in the church that have plenty of room so groups can safely space out, and we ask everyone to bring a mask to wear. If you would like to connect to your group via Zoom or FaceTime, just let your leaders know, and we'll be glad to have everyone participate how they feel comfortable. Check your email for a list of group rooms and other details, and we can't wait to see you on Wednesdays!

## COUNSELING RESOURCES

We know that the last few months have been especially difficult and that having someone to help process what we're experiencing and feeling can be so important. We have some wonderful trained counselors who have volunteered their services for our students. If you would like to be connected to a counselor, please reach out to a Youth Staff member, and we'll be glad to connect you.

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have Youth Sunday School on Zoom at 10:00am on Sundays and hope to see you there! Our Zoom link is sent via email and text each week.

## SERVICE PROJECT

We're wrapping up our February service project with ARM (Assistance & Resource Ministries). You can purchase the following items and either give them to Youth Staff or deliver to ARM: canned food items, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent (travel size or pods). Thanks in advance for helping! (ARM, 714 W C St, Elizabethton, TN, 37643)

## CONNECTING WITH YOUTH STAFF

We love getting to connect with our students through porch visits, so just let us know if you would like a Youth Staff visit on your porch or in your yard! We would also love to see you in your extracurricular games and programs, so please send us your schedules, and we'll come cheer for you!

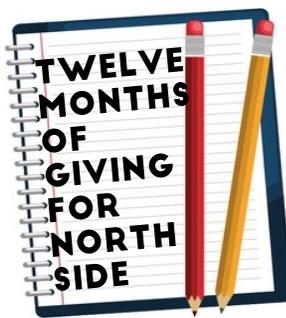
**March is the month of:**

### T-CAP SNACKS:

**Granola bars, cereal bars, cheese crackers, gold fish, pretzels, fruit snacks, apples, cheese sticks, juice boxes**

### WATERS:

**Regular and small size**



**Bring your donation to bin around the corner from Connection Point.**