

 **MUNSEY**

AUGUST 2021

MESSENGER

A monthly publication for family and friends of Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church

"I am the living bread that
came down from heaven.
Whoever eats this bread
will live forever."

John 6:51



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME!

Please help us extend a warm welcome to Mike and Dana Grindstaff, who joined Munsey during the Journey Service on July 25th.



OPPORTUNITIES

WE ARE HIRING!

We are accepting resumes for the position of Media Director. This position is responsible for several multimedia and audio tasks to enhance and support the ministries of the church. Candidates should have a college diploma or school certificate in media production, or equivalent experience. Please contact Butch Fortune via email (FortuneB@comcast.net).

IS THERE A PARISH NURSE IN THE HOUSE?

If you're an RN and would like to discover a much appreciated ministry in parish nursing, let us know! Please send inquiries to Michael Lester (michael@munsey.org).

**TECH HELP NEEDED!**

We began live-streaming our worship services last month. We still need some folks to help out with tech needs. Don't be intimidated! These are fun, trainable positions: audio mixing, camera switching, and pro presenting (no experience necessary)! If you're interested in learning more about the technical arts at Munsey, contact Brett Smith (brett@munsey.org).

SINGERS & MUSICIANS!

The Munsey praise team is looking for some musically gifted folks who love to worship Jesus and want to use their God-given talents and abilities for His kingdom! If you're a singer or musician interested in participating in the 11am Journey service, contact Brett Smith (brett@munsey.org).

HELP WANTED (AND NEEDED)!

We're looking for additional volunteers to help in Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings starting in August. From hospitality greeters to teachers to shepherds, we have many opportunities for folks to help. Whether you're able to help once in a while, once a month, one month at a time, or whatever frequency works for you, we would love to talk to you about getting involved! We also ask that you help by keeping our Munsey Kids and their families in your prayers as they learn and grow into the special people God created them to be!

THANK YOU!

FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted in hosting Family Promise in July. The week was a shortened one, but I appreciate those who were on site and those who were on call!

Lauri Hale
Family Promise Coordinator

**TERRIFIC TRINITY PARTY THANK YOU!**

During the summer, we enjoyed three successful weeks of our Terrific Trinity parTy (our VBS-inspired event for Munsey Kids). We had a wonderful time reconnecting with our kids and seeing them re-establish their friendships with one another. We had big, messy fun while learning more about the Trinity and experienced how God is our Creator, Jesus is our Friend, and the Holy Spirit lives within us and guides us. Around 80 Munsey kids joined us throughout the three weeks, along with an absolutely amazing group of volunteers who helped lead, teach, and shepherd the kids. We are so grateful to the volunteers who helped make the TTT possible, to parents and grandparents who took the time to bring their children each night, and to the kids for bringing so much laughter and joy to us all!

FAMILY MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER TRAINING

If you're serving as a KidMin or Youth volunteer this year, we'd love to meet with you on **Sunday, August 8!** We're hosting a meeting for all age-level volunteers that will start with a Barberitos lunch in the CLC Meeting Room at 12:00pm. We'll meet as a group to go over some things together and then divide into small groups based on ministry areas. Volunteers are our guests for lunch. Please let Amanda (amanda@munsey.org) know by August 1 if you plan to attend and if you need childcare.

FAMILY MINISTRIES PARENT MEETING

We're doing some things differently this year with our parent meetings, and we're excited to offer one parent meeting for all age-levels on **Sunday, August 22, from 4:30-5:30pm.** We'll meet in LL10 to share some information and then break into smaller groups with parents of children and youth of similar ages. We look forward to building community together, and we'll also have a meal prepped for you to take home and use later in the week to make August routines a little easier. Please RSVP to Amanda (amanda@munsey.org) by August 15 so we can have a meal ready for your family to take home that day, and let us know if you'll need childcare.

SUNDAY STUDENT MINISTRIES

We're excited to offer a new take on Sunday afternoons for our HWY 56 and Youth programs this semester! Both groups will meet two Sundays a month from 4:00-6:00pm to participate in worship arts (music, instruments, tech, etc.) and have community time within their age groups. HWY 56 will go to worship arts from 4:00-5:00pm and then fellowship from 5:00-6:00pm. 7th-12th graders will fellowship from 4:00-5:00pm and have worship arts from 5:00-6:00pm. Our first Sunday Student Ministries will be **August 29**, and all students can be dropped off/picked up at the Lower CLC Entrance. We'll also have three big fellowship events this semester, and we hope that families will spend the other Sundays together. We'll have a schedule available at our Family Ministries Parent Meeting and our other publications each month for you to add to your calendars. We can't wait to see our students on Sunday afternoons!

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH

Getting back in a regular school year routine can be overwhelming, and we would love to hang out with parents at lunch on **Monday, August 9, at 12:00pm.** We'll meet at the Holy Taco North patio and look forward to lunch and fellowship together! If you plan to attend, contact Amanda Onks (amanda@munsey.org) so we have plenty of seats reserved.



TACO TREK

The Taco Trek is back on the first Tuesday of each month, and we'd love to have Munsey friends meet there! The 30-minute casual ride begins at the front of the Trek Bicycle store at 6:30pm sharp and ends at Holy Taco downtown for food and fellowship. It's free and family-friendly (all ages are welcome), so bring your bike and helmet to join the fun! All riders need to fill out a waiver and get a wristband before the ride begins, which you can do at Trek Bicycle. The next one is **Tuesday, August 3**, and we would love to see you there!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>9:00AM Blended Service in Sanctuary <i>Online and On-site (Communion Weekly)</i></p>	<p>11:00AM Traditional Service in Sanctuary Contemporary Service in Christian Life Center <i>Both services Online & On-site</i></p>	<p>11:00AM Open Door Service in Melting Pot <i>(No online service)</i></p>
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Online services available via: & live.munsey.org

MUNSEY

Steve Wheeler (steve@munsey.org), Director of Missions

IN-PERSON SHEPHERD’S BREAKFAST RETURNS!

On a beautiful Saturday morning, the doors of the Melting Pot re-opened to welcome 50 of our neighbors for the first sit down Shepherd’s Breakfast in a year and a half. As our “neighbors” came down the stairs, they were greeted to tables adorned with tablecloths and fresh flowers. Each table was served by a dedicated companion who brought his or her guests a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy, coffee, milk, and juice. As part of their service, companions grabbed a plate, sitting with their table and engaging with our neighbors, learning their stories, being “salt and light.”



CHURCH AND SOCIETY TEAM NEWS

The link below contains current information on the pandemic with emphasis on how the pandemic is impacting our area and how we might best protect ourselves against the Delta variant which is said to be more infectious and deadly than the COVID-19 virus. This information is provided by Dr. Randy Wykoff, Dean of the ETSU College of Public Health. He provides a clear, science-based presentation that is current, easy to understand, and not influenced by politics. This information will be updated and posted weekly on the Munsey website. So, read this regularly, keep your family and friends informed, and help stop the spread of this terrible, deadly disease.

For the latest information regarding the coronavirus, please visit: etsu.edu/coronavirus/dashboard.php.

Church and Society will soon provide a program in along with Moms Demand that will help us learn how to reduce the terrible scourge of Gun Violence in our country. Be on the look-out for this program that will be offered on the Munsey website and live as requested to Sunday School classes and other small groups.

And the Church and Society Team always is seeking new members. Contact Aubrey Lee or Steve Wheeler to see how you might serve in our most important ministries!

THE MUNSEY SCOUTING TRADITION

As you may know, Munsey United Methodist Church charters a Cub Scout Pack and a Scouts BSA Troop. They meet right here at Munsey every week throughout the school year and the Troop meets all year round!! If you have a child between kindergarten and 5th grade or a 6th - 12th grader and they enjoy being outside, learning new things, meeting new friends, helping our community, and making memories that will last a lifetime, then now is a great time to join Pack 37/ Troop 37! The Pack will be starting back up soon, and they would love to hear from you! Please contact sarah.barnett@scouting.org if you are interested in joining. Hope to see you there!



HOLSTON HOME FOR CHILDREN

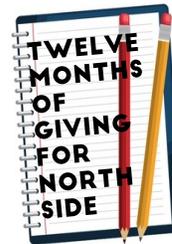
The director of our on-campus school, Kassie Voelker, had an exciting ministry opportunity recently with one of our boys who was having a hard time getting along with some of his classmates. The two talked about how God’s grace is sufficient for each day and His mercies are new every morning. Ms. Voelker told the boy it was okay that he didn’t have it all figured out but encouraged him to continue pursuing the Lord.

Philippians 1:6 says, “I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” As Ms. Voelker played Christian worship music in the office that day, the peace of the Lord changed the boy’s attitude. He began to weep and talked to Ms. Voelker about the things that had been really bothering him. When he left her office, he asked his teacher to give him all the assignments he needed to turn in and spent the rest of the day in the main office completing his work.

He has been showing progress in every area since, and it is incredible to watch the Lord transform him from the inside out!

Thank you for giving and praying for Holston Home as we continue to point children and families to the One who brings hope and healing for a brighter future.

Please give generously on Fifth Sunday – August 29th!



AUGUST is the month of:
DISINFECTING WIPES AND SPRAY
LICE KITS

Place donations in the bin around the corner from the Connection Point.

NORTH SIDE ELEMENTARY---A GREAT PLACE TO BE!

There is a poster that says, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Even though this year of the Pandemic has been difficult financially for everyone, Munsey members have been extremely generous when it comes to support for North Side students.

This past month, we collected 82 backpacks and 17 spiral notebooks. Last year, we collected **121 bags** of school supplies. So far, we have collected 20 bags. These are used all year because North Side typically has a transfer rate of around 50% during the year. Many of the children have nothing when they arrive and they are delighted to enter their new classroom fully prepared. Our August collection is Kleenex, disinfecting wipes and spray plus lice kits. Since elementary children cannot receive Covid vaccinations before school starts on August 4th, it is going to be essential for the teachers to maintain a safe environment for them. Please continue to support this wonderful school and make it a great place to be!



---Susanna Chinouth

CZECH MISSION TRIP A SUCCESS!!!!

The camp this year (July 4-10) was a huge success, marking the 14th year of Czech Missions at Munsey. Our group of 7 consisted of Zach Wilgus, Michael King, Bailey Townsend, Logan Bembry, Jack Bembry, Miles Bembry, and myself. We had 72 kids in the Softball Camp and the Thursday night Young Life Night had a great turnout at the church in Litoměřice. We were able to reconnect with some of the kids who have now aged out of the program, some of whom now serve as counselors in the camp alongside of us. The theme of this year's camp was "Connection" (the Czech word "spojka" means "something that connects" and it also is the word they use to designate the shortstop position in softball), and so our daily devotionals centered around ways we are called by God to be connected to Him and to each other. Our biblical verse was John 15:5 where Jesus says "I am the vine and you are the branches." Our group worked hard and we had to deal with a number of extra hurdles with Covid testing on our departure and return. But everything worked out and we are grateful to God for safe

travels. The Methodist church in Litoměřice has a new pastor, Filip Jandovsky, and we enjoyed getting to know him during the camp. As always, the Czech Missions group would like to thank everyone who prayed for our trip and contributed to the financial needs of this mission – especially the Virgil Anderson Sunday School class and the Brown Fellowship Class. We will be meeting in the fall to begin plans for the 2022 camp – we are already looking forward to it. If you have any questions about the trip or are interested in joining us next year, contact Jason Bembry jabembry@milligan.edu.



CHILDREN'S Ministry

Katie Jackson (katie@munsey.org) & Kristi Estes (kristi@munsey.org), Directors of Children's Ministries

PROMOTION SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 8 at 10am is Promotion Sunday, and we look forward to welcoming our children to their new Sunday School classes! Preschool children will be directed by Ms. Katie to their new classroom (Preschool hallway). 1st-4th graders, meet in Room 209 on the Elementary Children's floor, and Ms. Kristi will greet you and help you find your new area. 5th & 6th graders meet in Room 210 for HWY 56 Sunday School.

Also on August 8, bring your backpack to the service you attend for the Blessing of the Backpacks. This is for children, youth, teachers, and anyone else who would like to bring their backpack, work bag, or briefcase to be blessed for the upcoming year.



BACK TO SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Children & their families—join us on **August 11 at 6:00pm** in the Upper CLC Parking Lot for a Back to School Kick-Off... and the welcome extends to our Munsey Youth and the rest of our larger Munsey family as well for a time of fellowship. Half the parking lot will be full of water play with a giant water slide, splash pools, squirt bottles, games, and more. The other half will have dry play with games, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. Feel free to bring along a picnic dinner from home or from your favorite restaurant and enjoy a time of fellowship together. A special treat from Kona Ice will be provided for everyone. We can't wait to kick off a new school year with fun, food, and fellowship!

RISING 3RD GRADERS & RISING KINDERGARTENERS

We are making plans to present our rising 3rd graders and our rising Kindergarteners with their very own Bibles and Bible Storybooks in mid-August. If you have a child this age, please turn your child's name in to Kristi or Katie (and how you would like the Bible to be inscribed). We also want to make sure that any children who are new to Munsey who didn't receive a Bible in 3rd



grade or a Bible Storybook in Kindergarten are included, so please let us know those names as well. Bibles will be presented on August 22 during the worship service of your choice.

HWY 56 POOL PARTY

5th & 6th graders are invited to a pool party **Sunday, August 15, from 4:30-6:30pm** to start their year together! Mark your calendar and watch your mail for more details.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

Wednesday, August 11 at 6:00pm, join us in the Upper CLC Parking Lot for our Back to School Kick-Off. Regular children's activities will begin on August 18, and all children's programming will take place 6:00-7:00pm weekly.

BIRTH - 2 YEAR OLDS: Playtime and music in the Green Room 6:00-7:00pm. Check-in/out -Gathering Place.

3 YEAR OLDS - KINDERGARTENERS: 3 years old (must be potty-trained) as of August 15, 2021 through kindergarteners will check into Room 206 on the Elementary Children's floor for a half hour of music and movement with Mr. Matt. Ms. Katie and volunteers will escort the children to the Preschool Hallway at 6:30pm, where kids will participate in hands-on Bible learning and games. Pick-up in the Gathering Place at 7:00pm.

1ST - 6TH GRADERS: On the Elementary Children's floor. 6:00-6:30pm, 1st-6th graders will meet in Room 209 for missions and Bible Skills with Ms. Kristi. From 6:30-7pm, 1st-4th graders will go down to Room 206 for music with Mr. Matt. HWY 56 (5th and 6th graders) will participate in a Jr. Life Group time 6:30-7pm in the HWY 56 room. Pick-up on the Elementary Children's floor at 7:00pm for all.

MUNSEY YOUTH MINISTRIES

Caitlin King (caitlin@munsey.org) or Michael King (michael.king@munsey.org), Co-Directors of Youth Ministries

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 8, is a big day for our youth program! We'll promote to our new classes on the 3rd floor and welcome a new class of 7th graders to our group. Sunday School starts at 10:00am, and we hope to see you on the 3rd floor!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING

We'll have a meeting on **Sunday, August 8, at 10:00am** in the Chapel for this year's Confirmation class and their parents. It's important that all 9th graders and parents attend this meeting so we can share with you everything you need to know about the Confirmation journey and to answer questions. We're looking forward to a great year!

YOUTH KICK-OFF

We'll have our Munsey Youth Kick-Off at the Lewis Family Pool on **August 15 from 5:00-7:00pm**! We'll have Barba for dinner and free t-shirts! Each student just needs to bring a towel, sunscreen, swimsuit, and some friends! Just ask a Youth Staff member if you need directions, and let Caitlin know by August 8 if you plan to come.

WEDNESDAY FUN

We're excited for Wednesdays this school year and are so glad to be back in person! On our first week back, **August 11 at 6:00pm**, youth families are invited to bring their dinner with them to the upper CLC parking lot, and there will be free Kona Ice for everyone. We'll fellowship outside together that night and will begin our regular Life Group schedule on August 18.

LIFE GROUPS

We're looking forward to a great year with our Youth small groups! All Life Groups will meet on the 3rd floor each Wednesday, beginning **August 18, 6:00-7:00pm**, and we'll have a list of rooms on the 3rd floor so you can find where your group meets. We have some awesome leaders (both old and new), and we hope you'll check out your Life Group! Here are our grades and groups:

- 7th-8th grade girls
- 7th-8th grade guys
- 9th-12th grade girls
- 9th-12th grade guys

JR. HIGH PICK-UP

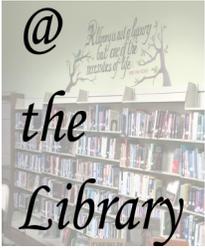
We're excited to pick up our middle schoolers again on Wednesdays after school, beginning **August 18**! Each Wednesday, 7th-8th graders will need \$ for a snack and the activity (if there is a cost). We return to church in time for Life Groups each week, and students can get a permission form with more information from the Youth website or the 3rd floor. You'll get a free treat at our snack stop the first time you come to JHPU! Here's our schedule for August:

- August 18:** Willow Springs
- August 25:** Service Project

SERVICE FOCUS

We're participating in the church-wide 12 Months of Giving for North Side, and August is the month of Clorox wipes, Kleenex, and lice kits. You can put your donations in the bin located around the corner from the Connection Point. Thank you for serving with us!

AT THE LIBRARY



Sometimes, even if I have read it five times before, I enjoy reading a good book. My most recent reread was *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. After so many readings, I find that the story is as good as the first time. Here at the Munsey Library, we have not only The Chronicles of Narnia series, but many other works by Lewis as well. Certainly, there is something on the shelves for everyone. As we get to the hottest part of the year, it is a good time to remember that reading is always cool.

--- JT Rucker

CONGRATULATIONS:

- to Andy and Sarah Culp Searles on the birth of a son, William James Searles on June 29 in Knoxville. Munsey grandparents are Jim and Gretchen Culp. Uncle and Aunt are James and Kelly Culp.

RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL:

- Connie Willeford (Quillen).

SYMPATHY:

- To Jennifer Henry and family upon the death of her mother, Judi Taylor, June 25.
- To Joseph Kennedy IV upon the death of his grandfather, Joseph Louis Kennedy, Jr, June 28.
- To the family of Joan Darden who died Tuesday, June 29.
- To the family of Gwendolyn Wallace who died on July 25.



A LOOK AT YOUR GIFTS

	6/27/21	7/4/21	7/11/21	7/18/21
Budget Offering	\$34,459	\$20,088	\$32,047	\$14,601
<i>Weekly Budget Requirement: \$38,344</i>				
Capital Campaign	\$260	\$215	\$615	\$127
Missions Offering	\$1,723	\$435	\$1,407	\$662
Pastor's Discretionary	\$675	\$105	\$80	\$155
Online Viewership	369	235	540	408
In-Person Worship	309	140	298	263



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SHEPHERD'S BREAKFAST COMPANIONS

AUG 7: Brown Fellowship
AUG 14: Wesley Sunday School Class
AUG 21: Virgil Anderson SS Class
AUG 28: Munsey Staff

We continue to practice safe guidelines, face coverings, and no more than 5 "companions" per group.

To serve or to learn more about our Saturday morning ministry for our downtown neighbors, Contact steve@munsey.org.

SEPTEMBER Messenger Deadline: August 24



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WORSHIP AT MUNSEY

AUGUST SERMON SCHEDULE

AUGUST 1	AUGUST 8	AUGUST 15	AUGUST 22	AUGUST 29
<p>9:00 & 11:00 Sanctuary Whose Bread is This? <i>John 6:24-35</i> Doug Grove-DeJarnett preaching</p>	<p>9:00 & 11:00 Sanctuary As <i>Ephesians 4:30-5:2</i> Doug Fairbanks preaching</p>	<p>9:00 & 11:00 Sanctuary Bread of Heaven <i>John 6:51-58</i> Doug Grove-DeJarnett preaching</p>	<p>9:00 & 11:00 Sanctuary If/When Life Becomes a Battle <i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i> Doug Fairbanks preaching</p>	<p>9:00 & 11:00 Sanctuary Show and Tell <i>James 1:17-27</i> Michael Lester preaching</p>
<p>11:00 Journey A Gift and a Demand <i>Ephesians 4:1-6</i> Doug Fairbanks preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Journey This Bread is Different <i>John 6:35,41-51</i> Michael Lester preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Journey Ready for Church? <i>Ephesians 5:15-20</i> Doug Fairbanks preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Journey This Bread is Difficult <i>John 6:56-69</i> Michael Lester preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Journey Doing versus Hearing <i>James 1:17-27</i> Doug Grove-DeJarnett preaching</p>
<p>11:00 Open Door Michael Lester preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Open Door Steve Wheeler Preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Open Door John Redmond Preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Open Door John Redmond Preaching</p>	<p>11:00 Open Door Doug Fairbanks Preaching</p>

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

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