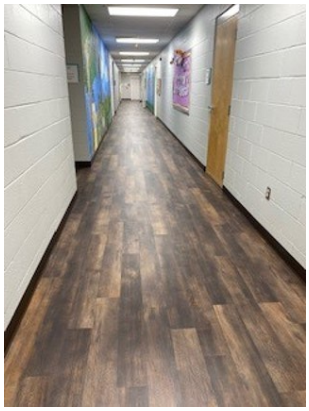
MUIR'S CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Established 1822

The Voice
NEWSLETTER

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I just wanted to update everyone and to say what a privilege it is to be a part of Community Angels each year! It was so good to be able to go shopping again this year and have the children/parents pick up their gifts in person. Although we weren't able to have the breakfast, it was certainly a move in the right direction. We did have 57 children that we adopted this year from Morehead Elementary and each and every family was so appreciative of their gifts. Some shed some tears explaining that their kids would not have received anything if not for the help of our church. This is a ministry that touches so many lives – from those receiving to those purchasing. Every year, you guys tell me that Christmas is so much more meaningful because of this ministry. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for supporting each year. A special thank you to the Boy Scouts, Troop 175, for their help in distributing the gifts and taking them to the recipients cars as it was raining. I have included a couple of pictures of Santa's workshop, Troop 175, and of a family that adopted one of our children – this family said they had been exceptionally blessed this year and wanted to give back. God is good!

The new year has brought new beginnings in the Playschool! The Trustees and Blake Cummings embarked on a huge project to have all the walls painted and new carpet and flooring replaced while we were closed for two weeks! Trust me, I was sweating bullets, but the team working on the project did a fantastic job, and everything was ready to go and looking beautiful when we started back on January 3. The Playschool moved into this building in 1996 and all the paint in the classrooms, and the flooring were the original materials! It is so good to enter into a building that houses such a wonderful ministry and takes care of so many beautiful kids and to see lots of hard work come to fruition. It definitely makes a heart smile to see all the good things going on in here – even with all the crazy events of the world! We will be glad when we can open our doors and offer an open house to see all the improvements!



Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6

Blessings—*Kim Hastings*

200 YEARS AND BEYOND
MUIR'S CHAPEL UMC

Bi-centennial Homecoming

SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Administrative Council Meeting

Mark your calendar for an upcoming Ad Council Meeting to be held on January 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 2022 Budget will be approved at this meeting.

The conference is offering several webinars at the end of January. **Please note if there is a webinar that applies to your area of leadership, please consider attending!** Visit www.wnccumc.org for more information or to register!

DOORS AT CHURCH

The railings at the front of the sanctuary and at the office door will be replaced or painted in the near future. When this work is being done, pay close attention to signage. You will enter the side doors with the ramps rather than the front door for the sanctuary. You will enter a side door for the office, and not risk the steps without a railing.

2022 OFFICERS/LEADERS

Our leadership team for 2022 will officially be installed on Sunday January 23rd. We will also thank outgoing officers during the service.

In the event of snow on a Sunday, look at News 2 for the list of closings, and a mass email will be sent out.

THERE WILL BE ONLINE WORSHIP EVEN IF THERE IS SNOW!

Pick up a set of 2022 Offering Envelopes on Sunday morning at the door or from the church office. If you need a set mailed to you, please contact Alison in the church office.

Drama, Drum & Chime Time

The funnest thing around on Sunday nights starts back in February! Drama, Drum & Chime Time is at 5:00 pm, then stay for Family Dinner at 6:00 pm! Ages 5 years - 5th grade. Masks required except while eating.

BLOOD DRIVE

WE WILL BE HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE ON **JANUARY 31ST FROM 1:30 PM TO 6:00 PM** IN THE KCC. PLEASE NOTE THAT DONOR TURNOUT IS AT IT'S LOWEST DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR AND YOUR SUPPORT MEANS A LOT! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATION OR SHARING OUR DRIVE INFORMATION WITH A FRIEND. CONTACT ALISON IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP!

January BIRTHDAYS

16
Philip Cox
Pat Smith
17
Andria Conrad
18
Meghan Pope
19
Edith Brown
Beth Ann Hopkins
Janet Millard
20
Janice Little
22
Vickie Brown
Gail Herring
23
Lisa Edwards
Iris Rodolphe
24
Dixie Brady
Joslin Owens
Tom Vincent
25
Byron Hall
Jacob O'Rork
26
Kathryn Hicks
Norman Hubbard
Rufaro Williams
27
Lisa Crowley
29
Alan Allred
29
Robert Moore
Guy Williams
31
JoAnn Scott

The 2022 Altar Flower Calendar still has some openings! You may pick a Sunday for flowers to be placed on the altar in the Sanctuary in honor, memory or celebration of a loved one! We'll order the flowers and type a message in the bulletin. The cost is $40 for the arrangement and you may take them after the 11:10 am service is over. Please contact Alison Ludemann in the church office to reserve a date. Dates available include: January 30; February 6; March 20 & 27; April 3, 10 & 24; May 1 & 15; June 19 & 26; July 3; August 7 & 14; October 16 & 30; November 6 & 13; December 4 & 25.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers for Sam. We appreciate you thinking of him and you will never know how much it means to us. A special thanks to Alison Ludemann for coming up with the idea of Operation Christmas Card.

Thank you! Love to all!

Ray and Amy Seals

SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Judy Farlow and family on the passing of her husband, Phil Farlow, on November 13, 2021.

OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open Monday-Thursday. If you need to reach us on Fridays, please call Alison Ludemann at 336-317-8243 or Sandy Cantliffe at 336-908-4777!

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In memory of Jack Thomas
For the History Room Fund
By Jim and Karen Knoebel

In honor of Tony and Jeanette Lewis
For the Budget
By Alvin and Libby Butler

OFFERING

January 2nd	
Budget Giving	$3,586.00
Other Income	$0.00
Total Budget	**$3,586.00**
Designated Funds	$607.00

January 9th	
Budget Giving	$8,451.25
Other Income	$125.00
Total Budget	**$8,576.25**
Designated Funds	$9,668.76

DECEMBER 2021 ATTENDANCE TOTALS

(Includes Online and In-person Numbers)

DATE	ONLINE WORSHIP	CD's	Total In-Person Worship	TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
12/05/21	146	10	190	346
12/12/21	279	10	233	522
12/19/21	416	10	328	754
12/26/21	158	10	53	221