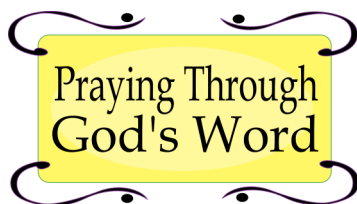




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**Wednesday
Prayer Group**
Begins at 9:30 a.m.
Church Prayer Room
Come and Pray
With Us!
Everyone Welcome!



**WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I thought a little update might be helpful to everyone as we move forward on a couple of projects of high interest.

The elevator project is on schedule and doing well in spite of one unexpected setback. Many of you have noticed a rather large pile of dirt just to the north of the sidewalk under the canopy entrance. This is the result of the need to install a new section of sewer line. We knew the line ran across the area of the elevator pit and would have to be moved. What we did not know was that one end of it was badly deteriorated and needed to be replaced. This work has been accomplished and the elevator pit is fairly complete. Soon the walls of the elevator shaft will be making their way upward awaiting the arrival of the actual elevator which is under construction by the manufacturer.

I want to thank everyone for supporting their commitments to the Elevator Capital Campaign. We have had sufficient funds on hand to cover all costs up to this point. We have also secured the loan for this project and those funds are available for use as soon as they are needed.

The other project of some interest is our second worship service. The launch team is developing the preliminary plans and establishing timelines for this new service. It is the hope of this team to be able to offer an additional worship experience by the fall of this year. Over the next several months, additional services will be scheduled on an occasional basis to give those who are working in this new worship experience a chance to work together and clean up any bugs before we start a week-to-week commitment.

While these changes are exciting and needed, they are changes and they will impact our lives in ways both expected and unexpected. Some of them we will celebrate and some of them we may not - which is perfectly normal.

Healthy living things grow and growth means change. We are a healthy, vital church with a great mission and the blessing of God to fulfill that mission. As we move together into a new future, may God grant to each of us the grace to do our part.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry

FEBRUARY 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	9:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir	21	6:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
	10:00 a.m.	A.A.		7:30 p.m.	Brownies
2	11:00 a.m.	Camp Registration	22	9:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir
3	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts		10:00 a.m.	A.A.
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study		1:00 p.m.	Youth Service Practice
4	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	23	9:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday
5	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice		12:00 p.m.	Our Neighbors Table
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts		5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Service and Missions	24	6:00 p.m.	Unglued Book Study
	7:00 p.m.	Relay for Life		7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study
	7:00 p.m.	A.A.	25	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon	26	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
6	6:00 p.m.	Scouts Round Table		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple II		6:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Team
7	8:30 a.m.	Adult Spiritual Formation		7:00 p.m.	A.A.
	6:00 p.m.	Daisy Troup 8225		7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
	7:30 p.m.	Brownies	27	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
8	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men	28	6:00 p.m.	Disciple II
	9:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir		6:00 p.m.	Scrapbook and Scripture
	10:00 a.m.	A.A.			
9	1:00 p.m.	D.O.D.			
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Service Practice			
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group			
10	1:00 p.m.	Nurture and Care			
	6:00 p.m.	Unglued Book Study			
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study			
11	1:00 p.m.	Young at Heart			
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees			
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts			
12	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting			
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice			
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts			
	7:00 p.m.	A.A.			
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon			
	7:00 p.m.	Publicity and Promotion			
13	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts			
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple II			
14	10:00 a.m.	Feeder of the Pack			
15	8:30 a.m.	Emmaus Formation			
	9:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir			
	10:00 a.m.	A.A.			
	10:30 a.m.	Book Club			
16	1:00 p.m.	Leadership Retreat			
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Service Practice			
17		Meals on Wheels this week			
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts			
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Big Book Study			
18	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts			
19	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice			
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts			
	7:00 p.m.	A.A.			
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon			
20	6:00 p.m.	Disciple II			



Happy Birthday



Happy Anniversary

- 1 - Roger Twenhafel
- 3 - Tyler Doody
- 4 - Joan Bastien
- 5 - Ed Thraikill
- 6 - Rhonda Shands
- 7 - Lola Pierson
- 8 - Kyle Hargraves
Violet Fager
- 10 - Harold Gibbs
- 11 - Doug Bitner
- 12 - Pattie Shields
- 14 - Betty Morefield
- 16 - Lynn Pierson
Frank Stewart
- 18 - Ralph Bastien
- 19 - Marie Quigley
- 22 - Imogene Tedrow
Paul Parrish
- 23 - Donna Horniacek
- 24 - Judy Little
Adrienne Will
- 27 - Eileen Auxier
- 29 - Joshua Barringer

- 11 - Bill & Marie Quigley
- 12 - Martin & Katherine Twenhafel
- 14 - Paul & Viola Parrish
- 18 - Bill & Mary Slider
- 22 - Charles & Pam Crews
- 24 - Lowell & Ada Heller

If your anniversary or birthday does not appear in the Compass, please contact the Church Office at 687-2317.

**YOUTH SERVICE
FEBRUARY 23RD
9:00AM**

**PLEASE COME AND
SUPPORT YOUR YOUTH.
THEY ARE OUR
FUTURE!**

CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”



The Library Corner: “A New Habit for a New Year”

“A New Habit for a New Year”—does that phrase strike a bell? It was Pastor Larry’s sermon title on a cold and snowy Sunday—January 5th, 2014. He noted that regular churchgoers gain strength and inspiration from attending weekly church services, but there’s still more! We can have a deeper connection to God, and a spiritual life that nourishes us on a daily basis. Sound good? Our opportunity for growing our spiritual life is as close as the nearest devotional or prayer book, and all it takes is a little planning.

We lead busy lives. We may not be able to do a devotional practice every day. But, as Pastor Larry points out, perhaps we can do so once or twice a week. Once this new habit is formed, we may wonder how we ever did without that extra opportunity to feel closer to God.

If you don’t have a devotional or prayer book, try one from our Church library. Or perhaps try out two or three, just to find what kind of devotional speaks to you at this point in your life, and what you may eventually like to buy for yourself. We have resources for a variety of ages and stages. Some examples:

The Beginner’s Bible, for Pre-Schoolers, is organized into 365 devotions. “Snuggle up for time together with God and your little one.”

Day by Day Devotions: 7-minute character growing devotions for kids (for ages 6 -10) by Karyn Henley. It has weekly topics and Bible readings, plus ideas for activities.

One Year Devos for Teens by Susie Shellenberger. Devotionals centered around thoughts and encouragement for tough issues and real life situations for teens.

15 Minute Devotions for Couples by Bob and Emilie Barnes. They promise: “Through these devotions you will begin to see God doing a marvelous work in your lives. Each of your hearts will be opened to the other , , ,”

Experiencing God Day By Day by Henry Blackaby and Richard Blackaby. They state: “This book [does] not take the place of God’s Word in your life, but introduces verses for you to consider and meditate upon. The Holy Spirit is your Teacher, and He will impress things upon you heart as you read the devotional thoughts.”

A Guide to Prayer for All God’s People by Rueben Job and Norman Shawchuck. They tell us “this book was prepared out of our own joy in finding the living God as a faithful, loving companion in our lives.” Each day’s entry includes prayers, Scripture, and readings. It makes a wonderful devotional companion.

The Power of Praying Through the Bible by Stormie Omartian. Omartian selects Bible verses and adds a short Bible study and devotional prayer. She says “I hope . . .they will encourage you to see every verse of God’s word as source of inspiration to draw you into a closer walk with the Lord through ongoing prayer.” This book is in large print.

This is just a sample of the devotional and prayer books available. Look for them on the library table upstairs, or downstairs in the library. As Pastor Larry says--start a new habit today that will bring only reward—the reward of growth in relationship to God.

Worship Leader - Rick Runge - rrunge@frontier.com

Acolytes

- February 2** - Tyler Doody & Cub Scout
- February 9** - Caitlin Doody & Maddie Bean
- February 16** - Cadence Brown & Alex Baughman
- February 23** - Conner Twenhafel & Adam Barringer

Sunday Stewards

- Dick Graff
- Ron Moutardier
- Rick Runge
- Rob Williams

Welcome Hostesses

- February 2 & 9** - Jennifer O'Donnell & Terri Yates
- February 16** - Patti Shields & Carolyn Sauer
- February 23** - Emily Finke & Allison Brown

Prayer Request Readers

- February 2** - Wilma Westerfield
- February 9** - Mary Jane Williams
- February 16** - Emily Hargraves
- February 23** - Mason Schingel

Ushers

- James Bean
- Todd Doody
- Jay Graff
- Kyle Hargraves
- London Watson
- Jennifer Watson

HELP FEED OUR YOUTH

If you can help out feeding the youth groups, please signup on the signup sheets in the kitchen, on the refrigerator.



Check out MUMC Youth Groups on Facebook!



February 2 - Youth Sunday Practice with Ricardo - 3:00-4:00

February 9 - Youth Sunday Practice- 3:00-5:00

Youth Group - 5:00-6:30

February 16 - Youth Sunday Practice - 3:00-5:00

February 22 - Youth Sunday Run Through - 1:00-4:00

February 23 - Youth Sunday - Be at church by 8:15am

Youth Group - 5:00-6:30

- *CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
- *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
- *SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)

Stewardship Report by the Numbers

January-December 2013

73	Number Giving Units - PLEDGED
\$ 262,065	AMOUNT GIVEN
\$ 3,590	AVERAGE PER PLEDGED GIVER
81	Number Giving Units - NON-PLEDGED
\$ 91,834	AMOUNT GIVEN
\$ 1,134	AVERAGE PER NON-PLEDGE GIVER

Top 10 Service & Missions Supported

Imagine No Malaria	\$ 2,063
Our Neighbor's Table	\$ 1,241
Little Grassy Camp	\$ 802
Benevolence Fund	\$ 3,770
Adult Mission Trip	\$ 8,279
Methodists on a Mission	\$18,282
Christmas Dinner	\$ 2,289
Feeder of the Pack	\$ 4,358
Illinois Masonic Home	\$ 2,195
Murphysboro Food Pantry	\$ 2,405

Other important numbers the congregation should know:

\$125,000 of the Church's investments were used to pay down the Renovation Loan in 2013. The outstanding balance of the Renovation Loan is \$45,937. The Church's remaining investments are valued at \$115,685. Only the income generated from investments can be used by the Trustees for building expenses.

The Elevator Capital Fund drive exceeded \$200,000. The Elevator account had a balance of \$ 54,277 at the end of the year. Since pledged income for the elevator comes in over the next 3 years, a 10 year loan of \$159,500 has been approved by the Church Council to assure timely payments. The loan should be paid off in three years as pledges are received.

The year ended with \$ 20,308 of uncommitted operating funds which will roll over to help fund the budget for 2014. The approved 2014 operating budget is \$ 389,940.

The Finance Committee



Saturday Book Club Meeting

February 15th at 10:30am

Church Library

Contact 559-0329 or ehagraves88@gmail.com

We will be discussing We Are Water by Wally Lamb. From the New York Times bestselling author of The Hour I First Believed and I Know This Much Is True, a disquieting and ultimately uplifting novel about a marriage, a family, and human resilience in the face of tragedy.



February Noisy Offering is Going to Feeder of the Pack

Thanks to all the hostesses that served in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings during this past year. You were always willing to meet and greet all those who walked through our church doors. I have enjoyed serving as your chairperson and know that Carolyn Sauer and Patti Shields will do a terrific job in the New Year. Thanks also to Teresa Gilbert, Christine Nolan and Mimi Rice for all their input and help.

New Book Study Starting

February 10th

6:00 - 8:00pm

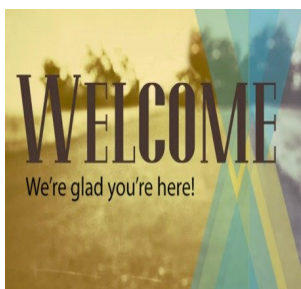
Every other week

Unglued by Lysa Tyrkheursts



MUMC Moms Group

Love in Christ
Janice Crews



OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE



LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



February 11th

12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall

Wear Red for Valentines

MENU

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Salad & Garlic Bread

Cherry Cheesecake

\$5.00

PROGRAM

Murphysboro Police Department

“How to Improve our Protection from Crime Events in our Home.”

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

Ministers.....The Congregation
Pastor.....Larry A. Gilbert
Coordinator of Ministries.....Earl R. Renshaw
Discipleship Coordinator.....Teresa Gilbert
Financial Secretary.....Christine Nolan
Custodian.....Pat Sullivan
Organist.....Micah Mayes
Choir Director.....Ricardo King
Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz