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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A year ago as we began 2013 I stated in my first sermon of the year a couple of goals for our church; one was to move forward with our elevator project and the other was to focus attention toward the development of an additional worship service.

Well the year has come and gone and I am delighted to say we are making excellent progress on both of these goals. Today our contractor is hard at work constructing the new elevator we have waited so long to use and enjoy. We should have no problem meeting our goal to dedicate a functional elevator by Easter Sunday of this year, which is April 20th. We can also celebrate we surpassed our Elevator Capital Campaign goal with just over \$200,000 dedicated in gifts and pledges.

Progress on the second goal of an additional worship service is not quite as far along as I had hoped, but is still making excellent progress. For several months the elevator project consumed a great deal of time and energy and with that project underway we have turned renewed attention and energy to our other goal. Just recently we held a weekend workshop at our church on starting an additional worship service that was well attended and very helpful. We have formed a launch team, which will begin meeting soon with hopes of new service by the fall of 2014.

2013 was a wonderful year, which exceeded my expectation in every way. As we move into this New Year I do so with great expectation of just how God intends to move in our midst. I begin this New Year with heartfelt thanksgiving for all that God has done, is doing, and will do, in my life and the life of our church.

May 2014 bring you closer to God and the ones you love. May this New Year be filled with the blessing of God for you and your family.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry

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

Praying Through
 God's Word

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



JANUARY 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1		Happy New Year. Office Closed.	<u>Worship Leader</u> - Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com
2	6:00 p.m.	Scout's Round Table	
3	8:30 a.m.	Adult Spiritual Formation Team	
4	10:00 a.m.	A.A.	<u>January Ushers</u> -
6	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 8189	Todd Lirley - Captain Dick Graff
7	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Scott Ballard Sandy Herring
	6:30 p.m.	Second Service Launch Team	Ralph Bastein
8	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	
	6:00 a.m.	Boy Scouts	<u>Stewards</u> -
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Francis Addison Todd Lirely
	7:00 p.m.	Publicity & Promotion Team	Frank Boucher Bob Morefield
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. & Al-Anon	Ken Cline
9	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts	
10	10:00 a.m.	Feeder of the Pack	<u>Acolytes</u> -
	6:00 p.m.	Daisies	January 5 - Tyler Doody & Ryan Finke
	7:30 p.m.	Brownies	January 12 - Cadence Brown & Aiden McNitt
11	10:00 a.m.	A.A.	January 19 - Ben Barringer & Alex Baughman
12	11:00 a.m.	Adult Mission Trip Info	January 26 - Conner Twenhafel & Ethan Finke
	1:00 p.m.	Discerning our Discipleship	
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group	<u>Welcome Center</u> -
14	11:00 a.m.	Young at Heart	January 5 & 12 - Carolyn Sauer & Patty Shields
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	January 19 & 26 - Marilyn Perry & Julie Peterson
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	<u>Prayer Request Readers</u>
15	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	January 5 - Mary Jane Williams
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Spiritual Formation	January 12 - Emily Hargraves
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. & Al-Anon	January 19 - Adrienne Will
18	10:00 a.m.	A.A.	January 26 - Wilma Westerfield
	10:30 a.m.	Book Club	
19	11:00 a.m.	Hospitality Team	
20		Meals on Wheels this week	<u>Happy Birthday</u>
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts 8189	4th—Frank Boucher 22nd—Breanna Graff
21	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	7th—Susan Karnes Teresa Gilbert
22	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	8th—Cloyd Karnes 24th—Sandy Schleuter
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Team	9th—Mike Jones 26th—Larry Jacobs
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. & Al-Anon	10th—Rindy Eisenhauer 27th—John Erbes
23	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts	12th—Vern Cline Emily Hargraves
24	4:30 p.m.	JYF/SYF Lock-In	16th—Barb Hughes 28th—Soo Jin Fager
	6:00 p.m.	Daisies	17th—Troy Brown Barb Woodward
	7:30 p.m.	Brownies	18th—Shari Biggs
25	10:00 a.m.	A.A.	19th—Maddie Bean
26	12:00 p.m.	Our Neighbors Table	Andrew Erbes
28	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council	<u>Anniversaries</u>
29	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	4th—Bob & Trina Eaton
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. & Al-Anon	19th—Allen & Tena Bigham
			25th—Robert & Sylvia Frank
			31st—Dean & Patti Shields

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

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



THE LIBRARY CORNER:

The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers (Spiritual Insights from the World's Most Beloved Neighbor), by Amy Hollingsworth

A Reader Review by Earl Renshaw

(This book is in the Murphysboro United Methodist Church Library)

EVERY DAY HE TAUGHT GOD'S MESSAGE WITHOUT PREACHING A WORD.

He was their neighbor, their friend. And for over 30 years, Fred Rogers visited so quietly with the children of America that nobody dreamed he was a Presbyterian minister. Using puppets instead of a pulpit, this icon of Children's television shared with America's youngsters the basic principles of the Christian faith---forgiveness, kindness, compassion, respect-- and made those values real for his audience.

In this poignant book, a longtime friend of Mister Rogers reveals how this extraordinary man touched her and her family through years of correspondence---and takes us beyond the camera to discover the spiritual legacy of a man who, to paraphrase the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "preached the gospel at all times, and when necessary, used words."

I recommend this book to adults who knew Mr. Rogers when they were children and to children .

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Library Notes: There is nothing more surprising, interesting, and inspiring than the lives of real people. Here are some other books in our library that focus on the lives and thoughts of extraordinary individuals:

Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption by Katie Davis and Beth Clark. True story—22 year old Katie, from Tennessee is living out her faith in Uganda, and is in the process of adopting 13 Ugandan girls. She has founded an organization that ministers to many other Ugandan children.

The Narnian: The Life and Imagination of C.S. Lewis by Alan Jacobs. How did an Oxford don come to do such an unlikely thing as to write the Narnia series, one of the most enduring children's classics? The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and other books in the series are beloved by many adults as well. Jacobs explores the life events and themes of Lewis' life.

Nearing Home: Life, Faith, and Finishing Well by Billy Graham. "Growing old has been the biggest surprise of my life" says Graham, and in this book he explores the challenges of growing older, as well as sharing the wisdom he has gained—all with the strong faith that has marked the life of Graham for so many years.

YOUTH CALENDAR

- Jan. 12:** Youth Meeting at 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- Jan. 24:** JYF & SYF 30-Hour Famine Lock-In
- Jan. 26:** CYF Youth Meeting at 5:00 - 6:30 pm

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

 **Check out MUMC Youth Groups on Facebook!**



Welcome, youth!



Van Policy

We have adopted a new Policy for the use of our vans. If you have the classification to drive the white van and are on the list to drive the blue van, please come by the annex Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday to pick up a form we need filled out. We are implementing the policy on January 1, 2014 and would like all drivers to be in place by February 1, 2014. Along with the form you will get the new policy for your information.

Thank you,
Board of Trustees



January 14th

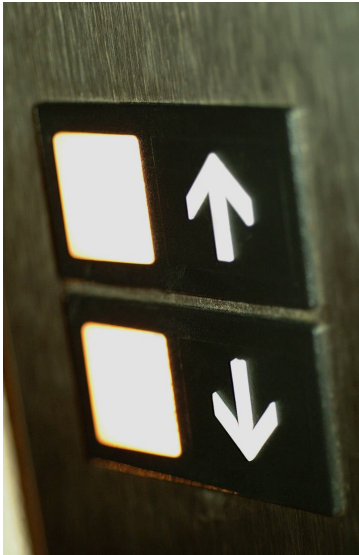
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

MENU

Turkey & Dressing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Broccoli & Cheese
Cranberry Salad
Desserts

PROGRAM

Honoring Liz Ridgeway
&
Her Late Husband Bill



Elevator Capital Campaign

Please remember that your Elevator
Capital Campaign pledges start
January 1, 2014!

Church Operating Budget for 2014 and Elevator Project

The Finance Committee passed the 2014 operating budget with expenses of \$386,040. Income of \$366,760 is expected from pledges and non-pledge members. The personnel cost including benefits comes to \$221,283 or 57.3% of expenses. The ever-increasing number of adult, child, and youth participants will have \$28,825 to spend on in-house and external programs that include \$10,000 for camping and \$2,000 for the confirmation class. Our apportionments increased to \$41,988, and utilities/upkeep will come in at \$41,193. The current loan which was considerably reduced by applying \$125,000 of Parrish investment funds is now reduced to payments of \$1,200 per month. The outstanding loan is only \$47,863. Since the loan was paid down so quickly it allowed us to consider the installation of an elevator.

Speaking of which, this fall the congregation approved the Board of Trustee's request to build a much needed elevator. The cost of building a 5-6 occupant elevator came in less than expected. Fager-McGee was awarded the contract with a projected completion date in early April and in time for Easter. The elevator expenses are outside the operating budget. The major source of income for the elevator comes from the very successful capital campaign which came in at a little over \$200,000! The estimated cost of the three phases of the elevator project comes in at about \$266,000. A loan will be established to cover the difference. All pledges for the elevator will come in over the next three years beginning January, 2014.

Stewardship Committee



Saturday Book Club Meeting

January 19th
Church Library

Contact 559-0329 or ewece88@gmail.com

We will be discussing One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd by Jim Fergus. One Thousand White Women is the story of May Dodd and a colorful assembly of pioneer women who, under the auspices of the U.S. government, travel to the western prairies in 1875 to intermarry among the Cheyenne Indians. The covert and controversial "Brides for Indians" program, launched by the administration of Ulysses S. Grant, is intended to help assimilate the Indians into the white man's world. Toward that end May and her friends embark upon the adventure of their lifetime. Jim Fergus has so vividly depicted the American West that it is as if these diaries are a capsule in time.

**January Noisy
Offering
is Going to
The Wesley Foundation**



To help provide the best worship experience possible for our children, we are making some age adjustments for Children's Church. Beginning this month, children between age 3 and 3rd grade attend Children's Church. Children who are 3 and younger go to the nursery. Thanks for your cooperation as we provide ministry to our children.

OUR NEIGHBORS' TABLE

1/26

FREE

MENU
Chicken & Dumplings
Dinner
with dessert & beverage

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

LAY LEADERSHIP FOR 2014

Ministry Staff

Pastor—Larry Gilbert
Coordinator of Ministries—Earl Renshaw
Discipleship Coordinator—Teresa Gilbert

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Church Council—Gene Schwebel
Finance—Bob Eaton
Staff Parish Relations—Rindy Eisenhauer/Julie Peterson
Board of Trustees—Rob Williams
Nominations & Lay Leadership—Teresa Gilbert

MINISTRY TEAMS CAPTAINS

Memorial Committee—Nancy Fager
Hospitality—Candy Watt/Todd Lirely
Chancel Stewards—Mary Jane Williams
Nurture & Care—Lynn Pierson/Sharon Graff
Adult Spiritual Formation—Teresa Gilbert
Publicity & Promotion—Jennifer O'Donnell
Service & Missions—Barb Hughes/Trina Eaton
Communion Teams—Gaye Auxier, Deanna Twenhafel, Lacey Brown
Worship—Gaye Auxier/Sharon Jones
Newcomers—Teresa Gilbert
Nursery—Scarlett Pierson
Children/Youth Spiritual Formation—Emily Hargraves
Youth Ministry Team—Teresa Gilbert
Discerning Our Directions—Rosie Wece/Teresa Gilbert



Ring out the old. Invite in the new. As we say goodbye to one year, we can look forward to the hope and possibilities of another one.

A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. - Unknown

Romans 15:13 *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

Proverbs 16:9 *"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."*

Adult mission trip to Henderson Settlement June 8-14.

Henderson Settlement is a United Methodist missions camp in Frakes, Kentucky with volunteer opportunities too numerous to list. If you are interested in a mission trip please come learn more about MUMC's trip to Henderson Settlement.

**Informational meeting January 12th at 11:00am
immediately following Sunday School.**

Please check the attendance pad if you plan to attend the informational meeting.



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Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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We're On The Web!
www.MurphysboroUMC.com



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 9:00 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