

# NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"To exalt the Risen Christ in worship, and to equip the body of Christ for service"

January 11, 2009

8:00 a.m.

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Seasonal Color: White

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Informal Moments (Please sign Attendance Pads found in each row) Liturgist

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\* Hymn of Praise "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs. 1,2,4 & 6) Hymnal #154

\* An Affirmation of Faith "A Modern Affirmation" Hymnal #885

\* Gloria Patri *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be;  
World without end, Amen, Amen.* Hymnal #70

## A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

### Offering of God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

Offertory Music Nancy Ward

\* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.* Hymnal #95

\* Offertory Prayer Pastor Elmer

\* Hymn of Preparation "He Is Lord" Hymnal #177

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

\* The Written Word Mark 1:4-11 Pew Bible pg. NT 34-35

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Pastor  
Organist  
Liturgist  
Ushers  
Chancel Choir Director  
Parish Nurses

Elmer D. McClafin  
Nancy Ward  
Ben Phelps  
Sharon Mellor & Mark Mellor  
Debby K. Davis  
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(Acolytes Attend to the Altar Table During the Playing of the Prelude)

Introit "He Came Down" Chancel Choir

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Special Music Katherine Griesbach

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| Chancel Choir Director    | Debby K. Davis                                 |
| Liturgist                 | Ben Phelps                                     |
| Children's Church Leaders | Diane Gettings and Carol Harris                |
| Ushers                    | Nancy and Leigh Parker / David and Kay Bradley |
| Prayer Team               | Tim and Gayle Von Engeln                       |
| Parish Nurses             | Jan DeGraffenreid, Sandy Halford               |

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KIDS HOPE USA  
 "Story of the Week"

"The KIDS HOPE USA child I mentor told me today that I am his replacement dad. This makes me sad and happy. Sad because I see a little boy who knows his dad is free to come see him but chooses not to. I ache for him. But it makes me happy, too, to know that I am his replacement dad and to see the difference that one hour each week is making in his life.

Tyler speaks to me often about God. I have assured him that God is His heavenly father who is with him always, not just one hour a week."

- Our Mission -

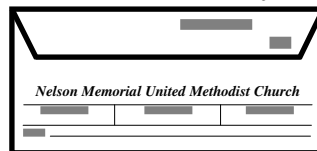
**KIDS HOPE USA builds caring relationships...  
 one child, one hour, one church, one school.**

Attention All High School Seniors

The Juanita Scott scholarship application is now available. These applications must be returned to the Church office no later than March 1, 2009. To receive an application, please contact Lucy Farrell at 882-2470, Sandy Halford at 882-3940, or John Ward at 882-6784.

2009 Offertory Envelopes

are now available  
 in the east lobby



PRAYER LIST  
 January 11, 2009

*Mindful of my need to pray and the great opportunity, which exists when people of faith pray together, I will lift up the following in prayer:*

**NEW ADDITIONS**

Roy Humphreys (*health*)

**CONTINUED PRAYER**

Ruth Coleman (*health*)

Gloria Mortimer (*health*)

Debi Comegys (*health*)

Alma Remley (*health*)

Family of Jordan Craig (*grief*)

Candice Richerson (*health*)

Jean Haller (*health*)

Gertrude Simmons (*health*)

Carl Ludlam (*health*)

Velma Todd (*health*)

ClayBelle Morris (*health*)

Opal Wiseman (*health*)

**Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel**

LT senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler  
*(stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana,  
 Virginia Beach, VA, EA18G Growler training)*

Covenant Church of Gondola,  
*(Mozambique)*

Major Jeremy Gettings  
*(attending the Air Command and Staff College  
 in Montgomery, AL)*

Robert Mike Grissum  
*(deployed to Iraq)*

Brigadier General Larry Kay  
*(deployed to Kosovo)*

President of the United States  
 Men & Women of our Armed Forces  
 Leaders of the World

Aaron Von Engeln  
*(stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina)*

Please use the Prayer Request Card found in the pews or call the church office to add or remove a prayer concern from the prayer list. Names will remain on the Prayer List for one month. Requests may be made to continue special prayers for a longer period.

# TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mission Breakfast to raise funds to build a well in Africa

Breakfast is today, **January 11**, 2009, serving from 8:00am-1:00pm, at the Pilot Grove Community Building in Pilot Grove. Earl Haller, Harold Haller, Shannon Twenter, Abby Twenter, and Vernon, Susan, and Levi Gerke are sponsoring this effort. You have plenty of time to attend after late church. Thank You all for all your support.

## (Almost) All-Committee Planning Meeting

On Monday **January 12** at 6:00 p.m. the following committees will meet to set ministry goals and make plans for 2009: Nurture, Witness, Outreach, Finance, Trustees. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will not meet at this time, but SPR members are welcome to attend and learn about our Five Practices Initiative for Lent. The soup dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Soup, bread and dessert are provided. Bring crackers or fruit if you want (but you don't have to). We'll spend some time discussing the Five Practices plans and break out afterward for individual committee planning. If you're not currently on a committee but want to offer your time for church service and would like to attend, call Evelyn Rogers at 660-537-1724 to make sure we set a place for you.

## Mission Team for Flood Repairs

We are making preliminary plans for an adult mission work team to travel to Cedar Rapids Iowa for the weekend of **January 17** to repair houses damaged by the flood of 2008. Our tentative plans are to leave on Friday afternoon, January 16 and return Monday evening, January 19. If you think you might be interested in joining our team, please contact Larry or Judy Long (882-6462) or the church office.

## Friday Fun Night

January Friday Fun Night will be held on Friday, **January 16th** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in fellowship hall. This month's theme will be Pajama Party, so wear your favorite pair of pajamas and slippers. Bring your favorite snack, drink, and game and don't forget to invite your friends, family, and co-workers for this wonderful time of fellowship. EVERYONE of all ages are welcomed! If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Jones at 882-6838 or [jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net).

## Thanks...

Thank you for all the cards and Gideons' memorials given in memory of Ricky's brother, Dean. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*Ricky and Judy Powell*

## Volunteers needed...

Trustees is looking for a volunteer(s) to assist with opening all of the church doors on Sunday mornings prior 7:30 a.m., then making sure they are all locked after the last service around 11:45 a.m. This could be handled by one person, or two. One to open, and one for securing them. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Tom Halford, 882-3940.

## Haiti Mission Trip

We are making plans to return to Port-au-Prince, Haiti in March to participate in various ministry opportunities including a medical mission. If you think you might be interested in joining our team, please contact Larry Long (882-6462) for details.