

NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

February 1, 2009

8:00 a.m.

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Seasonal Color: Green

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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

Prelude Karen Day

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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Liturgist

* Hymn of Praise "O Worship the King" Hymnal #73

* An Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal #881

* 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 Karen Day

* 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 "O How He Loves You and Me" The Faith We Sing #2108

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 Psalm 111 Pew Bible pg. OT 562-563

The Message "Fear Itself" Pastor Elmer

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
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A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Hymnal #13-15

SENT FORTH INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn of Commitment "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal #140

* Benediction

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CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY, FEBRUARY 1



- **Worship Service** - 8:00 & 10:20 a.m.
- **Blood Pressure check** - starts at 8:30 a.m. in the east lobby
- **Sunday School for All Ages** - 9:00 a.m.
- **“Souper Bowl Sunday” Youth Mission Team Fundraising Dinner**
Location: Fellowship Hall after the 2nd service
- **Youth Group** - No meeting today
- **“Spark!” Contemporary Praise Service** - 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Special Time

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- **Board of Trustees meeting** - 5:30 p.m. in the Foundation classroom
- **Worship Committee meeting** - 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- **Men’s Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. at Steve Solomon’s

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- **UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial** - 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel
Soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the service
- **Disciple I Bible Study** - 6:00 p.m. in the Open Door classroom
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Prelude (Acolytes Attend to the Altar Table During the Playing of the Prelude) Karen Day

Introit “O How He Loves You and Me” Chancel Choir

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Choral Anthem “We Gather Round Your Table Lord” Chancel Choir

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Radical Hospitality - Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development

Risk-Taking Mission and Service - Extravagant Generosity

These are the Five Practices of vital, fruitful congregations. These ideas aren't secret or new, but they are the practices that can lead to excellence and growth in the life of our church. And they are the practices we will be focusing on for five consecutive weeks, beginning **February 23** and ending March 29. The focus will include the five Sundays in March during lent.

Just imagine what can happen if everyone in our congregation will spend five weeks—just thirty-five days—reading, praying, discussing, and focusing on these Five Practices. God can change individuals, entire families, and our whole church—thus changing the difference we can make in and beyond our surrounding community.

You are invited to participate in this exciting emphasis in a variety of ways: Sunday morning worship, small group discussions either during Sunday School or in the evening, at-home devotional readings, and Planning Groups.

Here is how you can take part. At any of the three Sunday services – 8:00, 10:20, or 6:30 Spark – on Feb 15 or 22, just sign a list at a sanctuary exit and you will receive a copy for your household of Bishop Robert Schnase's booklet, Cultivating Fruitfulness. Then you will be ready to begin on Monday, February 23, Five Weeks of prayer and practice that can transform our church, as well as being a time of individual spiritual enrichment.

Safe Sanctuary

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Tuesday, **February 24**, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The web site needed to complete your paperwork, or complete the certification online, is www.moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries.

Contact SSanctuaries@moumethodist.org or call Karma Haller at 660-834-3344 if you have questions. The cost is \$20.00 per person to complete the paperwork for the Safe Sanctuary Training. This is considered a tax deduction so please be sure and keep your receipt in order to be reimbursed. Thank you for your willingness to participate in the lives of the children and youth who are associated with our church family. You are truly appreciated and we are very blessed to have so many loving people involved in the lives of these very important parts of our church.

PRAYER LIST
February 1, 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

Dorothy Stuart (*health*)

CONTINUED PRAYER

Ruth Coleman (*health*)

Claybelle Morris (*health*)

Jean Haller (*health*)

Family of Gloria Mortimer (*grief*)

Family of Dwight Holthusen, Jr. (*grief*)
(Father of Sheri Phillips)

Alma Remley (*health*)

Roy Humphreys (*health*)

Gertrude Simmons (*health*)

Carl Ludlam (*health*)

Family of Velma Todd (*grief*)

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

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Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

Please join our Youth Mission Team today for Souper Bowl Sunday. Not only will the Youth Mission Team provide a wonderful dinner of Soup & Sandwiches but we will also be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for our local food bank. Boxes will be placed in the vestibule, in the east wing hallway, outside the office and in Fellowship Hall to collect the items for the food bank. Dinner includes Soup, Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert, and Drinks. The cost will be \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for 5 to 10 year olds. We are so blessed and appreciative to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Thank you for your love, prayers and financial support as we prepare to head to Galveston, TX and help with hurricane relief.

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

The United Methodist Women will observe their annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial on Thursday, **February 5** at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. The program will be followed by a soup luncheon in fellowship hall.

Kids Hope USA Valentine's Day Party

Kids Hope will be having their Valentine's Day party, Friday, **February 6th**, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Kids Hope children and their parents are invited to attend, as well as the mentors.

A Thank-You and an Invitation

We are grateful for the many words of consolation, cards and other expressions of sympathy that we have received following Velma Todd's death. Velma was Brett's "double" second cousin and was directly responsible for our family coming to Christ. We invite you all to celebrate her life with us in a memorial service on **February 8** at 2:00 p.m. at the church. A dessert reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall, and you are all invited.

2009 Boonslick Community Prayer Breakfast

This years Prayer Breakfast will take place at the Knights of Columbus at 7AM on Thursday **12 February**. Due to the notoriety of the speaker the tickets are limited. Our speaker is Mrs. Gracia Burnham who in 2002 was held hostage for a year by terrorist in the Southern Philippines. When she was rescued her husband Martin was shot and killed. Her testimony and expression of faith are riveting. If interested please see Tom Maxwell (882-8073).

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.

Haiti Mission Trip

We are making plans to return to Port-au-Prince, Haiti in May 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.

KIDS HOPE USA "Story of the Week"

Miss Marilyn spends a little time each week talking to Robert, her KIDS HOPE USA friend, about dealing with anger. One day, after reading a story together about being happy, Miss Marilyn asked, "What makes you happy, Robert?"

The second grader hesitated, so she asked him again, "Robert what makes you happy?"

Robert looked up into Miss Marilyn's face and said, "You!"

- Our Mission -

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