

NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.
Seasonal Color: Purple

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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

Prelude Nancy Ward

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist

Leader: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!

People: A great light is shining in our darkened world.

Leader: You are the light of the world!

People: A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Leader: No one lights a lamp, and then tries to cover it up.

People: May our light shine before others, so that they will see God's good works and give God glory.

**Unison: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!**

* Hymn of Praise "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Hymnal #203

* An Affirmation of Faith "A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada" Hymnal #883

* Gloria Patri Hymnal #70



Lighting of the First Advent Candle (see insert)

Children's Message (Children welcomed to the Chancel) Jennifer Jones

Christmas Card Dedication

A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

Offering of God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

Offertory Music Nancy Ward

* Doxology Hymnal #95

* Offertory Prayer Pastor Elmer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Pastor Elmer

Hymn of Preparation "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Hymnal #206

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 I Thessalonians 3:7-13 Pew Bible pg. NT 204

The Message "Bright Sunday" Pastor Elmer

SENT FORTH INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn of Commitment "This Little Light of Mine" Hymnal #585

(During this song you are invited to bring forward your gifts for Student Sunday)

* Benediction

* Postlude Nancy Ward

* Indicates People Standing (please stand as you are able)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to this Celebration of Worship! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. A nursery is available for children who are Pre-K and under. An usher would be happy to assist you in finding the nursery and introducing you to our attendants.

Please take a few moments to greet someone after the service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor	Elmer D. McClafin
Organist	Nancy Ward
Liturgist	Sharon Mellor
Ushers	Sharon Mellor / Greg Silvey
Chancel Choir Director	Debby K. Davis
Parish Nurses	Jan DeGraffenreid, Sandy Halford

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- **Education Committee meeting** - 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge
- **Worship Committee meeting** - 7:00 p.m. in the Foundation classroom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- **Chancel Choir Practice** - 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

- **UMW Unit meeting & Carry-in Luncheon** - 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
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- **Spark! Contemporary Worship Service** - no service today

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 ☞ 2nd Sunday of Advent ☛

- Dedication of the Angel Tree & Coats for Kids -
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(Acolytes Attend to the Altar Table During the Playing of the Prelude)

Introit Chancel Choir

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Meanwhile, in the Fellowship Hall the fourth annual "Stable Home" display will be shown. This is a project to benefit the local Salvation Army Christmas campaign. Nelson Memorial members and families are asked to loan their nativity scenes for this display.

All types and sizes are needed. Please also bring a piece of fabric or paper upon which to set your nativity set to distinguish which set is which. Call the office at 882-6223 if you can participate. Bring the nativity sets to the church on Friday evening, December 4 from 3:00 - 8:00 PM or Saturday morning between 8:00 - 9:30 AM. We can pick up the set from you earlier in the week if this time doesn't work for you. The display will be open to the public on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 AM - 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 6 after church until 3:00 PM. The nativity sets may be picked up at the conclusion of the display or please make prior arrangements if this is not possible.



Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Ruby McNew and Gene Maier

Reader 1: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

**All Sing: O Come, Let Us Adore Him
O Come, Let Us Adore Him
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Christ The Lord**



Nelson Memorial UMC Angel Tree Program

Angel Tree is a Christmas program that provides gifts for children who have parents that are incarcerated. These gifts are given on behalf of the parent that is in prison, in Jesus' name.

For the last fifteen years, the Nelson family at Christmas time has put up an Angel Tree in the sanctuary, where one hundred white angels are placed on the tree. Family members pick up an angel and purchase a gift for a child. The gifts are then returned to the church, not later than Sunday December 6th, and placed on the altar. On December 6th, which will be Angel Tree Sunday, these gifts are prayed over and dedicated for the children in St. Louis. On Saturday, the 12th of December, these gifts are transported to the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in SE St. Louis where they are presented to the children.

The Mt. Zion family invites the children to the church, with their parent or guardian, and has a children's service followed by lunch and distribution of the gifts. Interested individuals may contact Tom or Betty Maxwell at 660-882-8073, or Steve at the Church office at 660-882-6223.



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Randy, Alicia, Taylor, Zachary, Colton, Benjamin and Natalie Glenn

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PRAYER LIST November 29, 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:

Continued Prayer

Family of Alma Boehm (<i>grief</i>)	William Schnell (<i>health</i>)
Family of Chuck Linville (<i>grief</i>)	Family of Rosalie Schupp (<i>grief</i>)
Judy Peters (<i>health</i>)	Gertrude Simmons (<i>health</i>)
Family of Carl Rude (<i>grief</i>)	Robert Vollmer (<i>health</i>)
Mackenna Schnell (<i>health</i>)	(neighbor of Sharon Mellor)

Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

Sgt. Aaron Edman (<i>Father of KHUSA child deployed to Afghanistan</i>)	LCPL Brad Simmons (<i>deployed to Iraq</i>)
LT senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler (<i>VAQ-129, NAS Whidbey Island, WA</i>)	Aaron VonEngeln (<i>deployed to Afghanistan</i>)
Major Jeremy Gettings (<i>Joint Staff Tour Creech AFB, NV</i>)	Covenant Church of Gondola, (<i>Mozambique</i>)
Robert Mike Grissum (<i>Stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood</i>)	Pledges of Service to be honored
Midshipman Will Parker (<i>United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD</i>)	
Sgt. Samuel Ross (<i>Father of KHUSA child deployed to Iraq</i>)	President of the United States
LCPL Cory Schmidt (<i>Cherry Point, NC</i>)	Men & Women of our Armed Forces
	Leaders of the World

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

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING

The 5th Sunday Extravagant Generosity offering **today** will be collected for the financial support of scholarships or loans for United Methodists students. With college costs rising, your generous support enables students to obtain a college education without worrying about lack of funds. These funds are administered to students by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Thank you for giving a gift that will enable many people to attain higher education.

Join Us For Contemporary Worship!

There are only two more Saturday Spark! services left this year. Don't miss our contemporary service at 5:00 p.m. on **December 12th** and **19th**. We will not have Spark! on December 5th due to the holidays. In January we will be reevaluating our time and day, and will announce the details for 2010.

A Night in Bethlehem

Take your family back in time ... arrive in Bethlehem for the census and enter a market place bustling with the sights and sounds of the very first Christmas. Create interesting projects and crafts for children and families at each marketplace shop. It will be on **December 5th** at 4:30, after the Christmas parade, and will be held on the Church lawn! If you have any questions contact Heather Silvey.

Shopping for Angels

The kids of the church have chosen 3 angles from the angel tree and we will be shopping for these on **December 6th**. Please bring your kids to fellowship hall at 1:00pm. We will be heading to Wal-Mart (parents are welcome to attend) then back to church to wrap the presents and put them under the tree.

Kids Coat Program

We will again be providing coats for kids who need them in the Boonslick Area. If you would like to contribute make your check out to "Kids Coat Program" and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.



David Wrenn