

CHURCH CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services – 8:00 & 10:20 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Youth Group – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

“Spark!” Contemporary Service – 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study / Farquhar’s – 7:00 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Glorify - 6:30 p.m.

Youth Bible Study / Chapel – 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

See the **UMW** page for event listings

Men’s Bible Study at Steve Solomon’s
Tuesday, Feb. 5 & 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Witness Committee, Lounge
Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men at Bobber Café
Sunday, Feb. 10 at 7:00 a.m.

Nurture Committee, Open Door Class
Monday, Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class
Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Finance Committee, Foundation Class
Monday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Wesley Circle, Lounge
Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle
Thursday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m.



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"It only takes a spark, to get a fire going..."

- Kurt Kaiser "Pass It On"

One thing is all it takes. But what is that one thing? Maggie knew. The boy was tone deaf, or so it seemed. We had him in our children’s choir and we tried as hard as we could to help, but he still was struggling. No matter how many times he heard the notes coming in, he couldn’t return them in a form that sounded like the original. What do you do with a kid like that?

Like I said before, Maggie knew what to do - you start him on drum lessons. It all started with an eight-year-old, a snare drum, and two sticks. But with years of lessons, practice, and more practice, we discovered that there was something special there. The child who couldn’t sing his was out of a wet paper bag, was now making "l's" in vocal competition. The boy who seemed the least likely to do anything musical was offered scholarships in several schools to take part in their music programs. How did Maggie know? I imagine it’s a mother thing. But I’m so glad we acted on her intuition, and I’m sure Ian is happy as well.

One thing is all it takes. That’s what we are looking for in our ministry. We are looking to provide that one thing that will make a difference in someone’s life. We are looking for that one connection or opportunity that begins a lifetime of growth and fulfillment. There’s no telling what it will be either. It may be singing in a children’s choir, or sharing with a homebound person. It may be teaching a Sunday School class, or traveling to Mozambique to build houses. The events and activities we do are life changing possibilities, and one of them has your name on it.

The Spark is one of these things that we believe God can work through – touching individuals, transforming lives, and strengthening our service together as a congregation. The song says, "It only takes a spark..." and that is what we pray for - that God may take this one thing, bless it, and ignite a spark in all our lives as we step forward and share our faith.

- Pastor E

New Activities at Nelson Memorial...



Each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. - and we need you to...

- Pray for this new Praise Service
- Pray for the 30+ who have volunteered to be there and support it for the first four months
- Pray for the Worship Team, as they begin their ministry
- Be part of the Praise Band - meetings on Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in the chapel
- Invite a friend, family member
- Come and praise God with us!

Fourth Friday Fun Night

Join us in the church basement on the fourth Friday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. starting in February for the Fourth Friday Fun Night! Bring your favorite snack, favorite drink and favorite board game and enjoy a fun laid-back opportunity to fellowship with others.

Children and visitors are welcome, so please invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors!

Watch the bulletin for more information or call Jennifer Jones if you have questions, 660/882-6838.

To Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church:

The Salvation Army of Cooper County would like to say our thank you's for the generous donation from your congregation.

We are also so thankful for the use of your office space made available, to use one day per month. To Steve for answering all the phone calls to the Salvation Army, that we are able to assist the people of the county.

Thank you again,
The Salvation Army Board:

*Ann Hartmann
Verena McKinny
Linda Sappington
Ted Bleil
Jeremy Reusdling
Wade Davis*



Estate Planning

“With a little planning, our gifts can make a difference well beyond our lifetimes. A gift to the church through one's will or estate plan can be a meaningful testament to one's faith, an inspiration to family and friends and a force for life-changing ministry in the world.”

“Workshops are provided by the Missouri United Methodist Foundation for local churches and United Methodist-related institutions and organizations. The workshops, handouts, and informational materials are provided free of charge.”

Anyone interested in attending an estate planning workshop, including ways to include church in estate planning, wills, etc., call or e-mail the church office.

Dear Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Family & Friends,

I want to express my thanks to you for the special things you sent to me while I was stationed in Iraq. Opening up a box from home with all the food and neat things you included for my use, was so great! You don't have any idea how your generosity touched not only my life, but other soldiers in my group who also benefited from the items I was able to share with them too. My parents have told me that as a church you have often lifted me and other soldiers in your prayers. For that we are truly thankful! It was good to see some of you when I was home on leave and in attendance at the church there at Nelson Memorial UMC. Thank you again for thinking of me and others who are serving in military service.

Sgt. Tim Metscher

AFTER CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE THOUGHTS

As noted in the Angel Tree reminder in the December News, we must never forget the reason we do Angel Tree. At Mt. Zion this year a mother approached us to say that since her husband went to prison things had become most difficult for her and her four boys. She wanted us to understand that the gifts we sent would be the only Christmas the boys would have. In all the years, I do not think we have ever had such a grateful guardian approach the Nelson family visiting Mt. Zion. Again our deepest appreciation for your support of this Matthew 25 program.



STEWARDSHIP

	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13
OF OUR PRESENCE:					
Sunday School	69	53	70	71	93
Worship	142	156	131	162	170
(8:00 a.m. / 10:20 a.m.)	(30/112)	(30/126)	(30/131)	(29/133)	(36 / 134)
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	575	575	575	575	575
OF OUR GIFTS:					
General Fund	6914.00	5070.50	2545.80	7636.60	7104.40
Property Improvement	235.00	190.00	265.00	450.00	180.00
Capital Campaign	539.00	562.00	487.00	1037.00	1167.00



General Fund Financial Information		
2007	Annual Budget:	251,687.00
	Actual contributions through December 31:	245,062.23
	Weekly need:	4,840.13
2008	Annual Budget:	248,342.00
	Contributions needed to date:	9,551.62
	Actual contributions through January 13:	14,741.00
	Weekly need:	4,775.81

Capital Improvement Campaign Update	
Campaign Goal:	175,000.00
Pledges to date:	65,935.00
Contributions to date:	43,392.71

Monthly Service Opportunities

Please plan on meeting with Pastor Elmer in his office at 7:45 a.m. for 8:00 service and 10:00 a.m. for 10:20 service.

February			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
3	Tim Von Engeln	Larry and Judy Long	John Ward / Steve Solomon Earl and Karma Haller
10	Tom Maxwell	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	
17	Earl Haller	Bob and Cindy Koch	
24	Ricky Powell	Tom and Betty Maxwell	

March			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
2	Ben Phelps	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	Carol Schenck / Karen Kay Bill and Cheryl Salyer
9	Paul Davis	Larry and Karen Kay	
16	Hessie Watts	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
23	1st- Sharon Mellor 2nd- Evelyn Rogers	Larry and Judy Long	
30	Bill Parker	Margene and Elvin Farquhar	

It is your responsibility to switch with someone else on the list if you have a conflict for your appointed week. Thanks.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Welcome to the month of February. As was reported in the last newsletter, our Mary Martha and Wesley Circle meetings have begun. Wesley met in January on the evening of the 15th, in the church lounge at 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha met in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. on January 17th. It was sure nice getting back together after the holiday break, to share in fellowship with one another. Please consider joining us sometime. We'd love to have you with us.

For those of you who have been bringing in your Best Choice UPC labels, we thank you as well as appreciate it. Please continue to do so. We only need 550 more to be able to turn them in and receive \$60.00 for Missions. Then we can start again. We are also still collecting the Dave's Country Market receipts. Both of these items are to be turned into the boxes in the church office. Thanks so much to all of you, the congregation for helping us in our Mission work.

Our UMW Unit meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. It is our "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" meeting. This will be held in the Chapel, followed by a Soup Luncheon. WESLEY CIRCLE will be serving as HOSTESS. Betty Rainey, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, will be our leader for the day.

WESLEY CIRCLE will meet this month on February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

HOSTESS: Dorothy Bell and Margaret Hopkins will provide us with the PROGRAM.

For MARY MARTHA CIRCLE, they will meet February 21 at 1:30 p.m.

HOSTESS: Margaret Hankewich, CO-HOSTESS: Lucy Farrell, DEVOTION: Faye Robinson, PROGRAM: Patty Johnson.

Wishing all of you peace and love in Christ,



Tina Zeller,
Communications Coordinator, UMW

WALK TO EMMAUS

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72 hour experience that focuses on God's grace, Christian discipleship and what it means to be in the Church. You don't need new tennis shoes for this walk, because this is a close, spiritual Walk with God. Heartland Emmaus of Kansas City will sponsor the next Walk to Emmaus for men on April 10-13 and for women on April 17-20. If you want to attend the Walk but these dates do not work for you, the autumn dates are October 9-12 for men and October 16-19 for women. There are other Walks available throughout the state on different dates and we would be glad to obtain that information for you if you decide 2008 is the year for you to attend a Walk to Emmaus.

Just ask any of the following for more information: Dave Day, Karen Day, Bill Campbell, Nancy Ward, or John Ward. They will be glad to share with you what a life-changing experience this is.

College Graduates

Please contact the church office if you have a College Graduate in your family this spring. We would like to be able to congratulate them during Graduation Sunday on May 4, 2008.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been restocked with new stars. This quarter we will be donating needed items to Coyote Hill, located north of Columbia & close to Harrisburg. Coyote Hill is a professional home of love dedicated to providing love to abused and neglected children as well as children whose families may need some time to regroup and get a fresh start.

Coyote Hill was founded in 1991 and has continuously provided spiritual, emotional and individual growth to children as well as good nutrition, education and physical support.

Please join the Outreach Committee in supporting this worthwhile project.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH

Souper Bowl Sunday

The Nelson Memorial Youth Mission Team wish to invite you to our Fundraising Kick-off for our 2008 Youth Mission Trip with a Souper Bowl Sunday on Feb. 3rd after the 10:20 worship service. Start off your Souper Bowl Sunday with a fantastic dinner of Soup (many different types), Sandwiches (again, many different types), desserts and a drink. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and under 5 are free. This year we are headed to New Orleans for Hurricane Relief. We appreciate the prayers and support of a wonderful Church Family. Thank you so much.

Kid's Hope U.S.A. Valentine Party



When: Thursday, Feb. 7th
Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Who: Kid's Hope Kids, Mentors, Prayer partners

COME JOIN US AND HAVE FUN!!!

NITE OF FINE DINING

The United Methodist Men will be hosting the annual Nite of Fine Dining on February 16, which is the Saturday evening following Valentine's Day. The evening dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. Reservations are \$15.00 each and may be obtained by contacting Elvin Farquhar at 882-8555 or 660-621-7777 or at church on Sunday's. Babysitting services will be available. Transportation for those needing that service will also be provided. Just let Elvin know that you would like either one of those services when you make reservations. The number of reservations is limited because of the space in fellowship hall so make your reservations early. Plan to come for great fellowship, fun and a delicious dinner. Thank you for your support.

BLOOD DRIVE

Date: March 9, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

- ♥ Please bring identification, such as, your blood donor card, driver's license, etc.
- ♥ Cholesterol testing will be performed on all blood donors.
- ♥ All blood donations through Community Blood Center benefit local hospital patients.
- ♥ Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation.

Youth Bible Study

Don't forget our Youth Bible Study; open to all youth (ages 6th -12 grades). We meet in the Lounge on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

DINNER 4/8 -- A DELICIOUS WAY TO MEET

WHO: Couples or singles who want to get to know others in our Church Family better. ALL SINGLES AND COUPLES ARE VERY WELCOME!!

WHAT: A group of 8 people are randomly assigned (married couples are together) to meet monthly for a meal. Each month a different couple will host the meal and it may be a carry-in, you provide the meal or maybe go to a restaurant and you pay for the dessert and coffee---the possibilities are only your imagination!

WHERE: A group may meet at your home, a restaurant, the park, or even the Church Fellowship Hall.

WHEN: Each group of 8 will meet monthly for 4 months and then sign up will start again for a new group assignment.

HOW: Please sign the worship attendance sheet next to your name, D4/8 and your phone number. You may also call the Church Office to register. Sign-up will be for the next 3 Sunday's, then assignments will be made, you will be contacted and Dinners will start in March. Don't miss this opportunity for some awesome fellowship!

For further information please contact Sandy Halford, 882-3940

Bibles for Haiti

Larry Long is returning to Port-au-Prince Haiti the last week of March to work with the House of Hope Christian girls' home, and the New Christian Church of Tabarre. His trip will include the support and strengthening of neighborhood evangelism, working with prison ministry, assisting in a water-well project, and showing the Jesus Video to people living in the surrounding neighborhood.

He would like to bring fifty New Testaments translated in Haitian Creole with him to distribute as part of this work. The cost for these Bibles is \$5.00 each. If you would like to purchase Bibles to help out in this ministry, you may place a donation in the offering plate designated "Haiti Bibles".

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

-1-

Dorothy Stuart
Mark Wooldridge

-2-

Matthew Beiswinger

-3-

Paula Renfrow

-4-

Bob Koch

-5-

Sandy Farris

-7-

Betty Rainey

-8-

Deborah Langley
Kristel Powell

-9-

Joshua Chrisman
Debra Windsor
Mary Wrenn

-11-

Cassidy Renfrow
Cheryl Salyer

-14-

Erica Breshears

-15-

Katherine Greisbach
Brenda Schmidt

-16-

Matthew Amick

-17-

Joshua Boehm
Eric Phelps
Carol Schenck

-18-

Madison Maupin

-19-

Caleb Salyer
Steve Solomon

-20-

Jan DeGraffenreid
Margaret Hankewich

-21-

Diana Haller
Jason Thomas
Kyle Vander Linden
Melody Von Engeln

-22-

Dusty Zaugg

-23-

Marilyn Stanaway

-24-

Mike Klusmeyer
Mark Mellor

-25-

Chuck Harris
Bart Riley

-26-

Laura McClaflin
Samantha McFatrigh

-27-

Andrew Davis
Bev Lachut

-28-

Lloyd Cook
David Remington
Christine Salyer
Louis Suddarth

-29-

Jean Foster

PRAYER LIST

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

Ruth Coleman *(health)*

Ruby Gregory *(health)*

Jean Haller *(health)*

Don Hopkins *(health)*

Mike LeGrant *(health)*

Carl Ludlam *(health)*

Ted Mellor *(health)*

Jerry McClure *(health)*

Jennifer Metzger *(health)*

Alma Remley *(health)*

Pat Roberts *(health)*

Christine Schmidt & Family *(health)*

Gertrude Simmons *(health)*

Velma Todd *(health)*

Darin Walker *(health)*

Charles Whitten *(health)*

Tom Wood *(health)*

Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

Shannon Challender
(deployed to Afghanistan)

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

Major Jeremy Gettings
(deployed to Iraq as Marine Harrier Pilot)

Robert Mike Grissum
(deployed to Iraq)

Aaron Von Engeln
(deployed to Afghanistan)

Melody Von Engeln
(Missionary in Japan)

Covenant Church of Gondola,
(Mozambique)

Flooding in Mozambique

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

Please help us update the Birthday List by notifying the Church office if your name is missing. Thank you!