

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, Mar. 4 & 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee, Lounge
Thursday, Mar. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men at Bobber Café
Sunday, Mar. 9 at 7:00 a.m.

Nurture Committee, Open Door Class
Monday, Mar. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

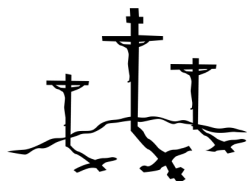
Administrative Council, Foundation Class
Wednesday, Mar. 12 at 8:00 p.m.

Staff-Parish Relations, Open Door Class
Monday, Mar. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Wesley Circle, Lounge
Tuesday, Mar. 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle
Thursday, Mar. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees, Lounge
Thursday, Mar. 27 at 7:00 p.m.



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One of the saddest things in the world is a seven-year-old with the flu. But what is even sadder is a seven-year-old with the dreaded Mucinex! We’ve been battling all kinds of bugs this winter in our house, and the past few weeks have been the worst. The other night Bob wasn’t looking good, so Maggie got out the thermometer and began the process of diagnosis on the boy. He was coughing, he was hot, but according to Bob the worst part of it was - he had Mucinex! Somewhere along the line Bob had heard the commercials, or listened to the school nurse, or in some way picked up the over-the-counter expectorant’s name, and confused it with the congestion he was feeling.

The flu bug and all of its cousins have put a number of us under the weather recently. I can’t stand being sick. It takes your strength. It messes with your concentration. And it keeps you from living life like you want to live it. But sometimes it’s not the diseases that get us off track. Sometimes it is the cures.

Sometimes our solutions are the problems - especially when our solution is to overwork ourselves thinking that everything hangs on our shoulders. We can convince ourselves that if we don’t do it, it won’t get done, or at least it won’t get done right. We can work ourselves into a frenzy of frustration and futility trying to fix situations that, frankly, don’t need fixing. Even Jesus didn’t try to do everything on his own. He called disciples to come and help out. Jesus needed others to help feed crowds, heal the sick, and bring good news to the poor and outcasts. We need each other in the same way.

It is amazing what we can accomplish if we are willing to let God, and let others help out. It’s a whole lot better than working and worrying ourselves sick. I hope that you can relax and reach out to the people God gives you in your lives. Better yet, look for people who may need your help, and lend a hand. God can do great things through us if we let go of the reins and accept a little help along the way. It’s good for your health and good for your soul.

And most of all, watch out for the Mucinex!

– Pastor E

The Spark!

The Spark is off and running and now it's time to take the next step – **invite people to join us!** There are people in our neighborhoods, at our jobs or schools, or even in our families who are just waiting to be asked – and it's up to you to extend the welcome.

Pastor E continues his series on *Facing our Fears* this month at the Spark. Be there 6:30 p.m. Sunday nights.

The Spark is...

Vibrant praise worship

A chance to kick the week off right

A good place to bring your kids, friends, parents, etc.

Fourth Friday Fun Night

Due to many scheduling conflicts with other events the Fourth Friday Fun Night will now be the **FIRST** Friday Fun Night starting April 4th. We will be taking the month of March off but hope to see you in April for a night of fun and fellowship.

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.

Youth Group

Calling all youth from grades 6th – 12th. We would love to have you join us for fellowship, food and fun during our Youth Group Meetings on Sundays from 4:30 -6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Karma Haller at 660-834-3344.

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.

From the Desk of Ruth Coleman

Thanks to...

The family of Bill Parker who gave me a ticket.

Elvin Farquhar, brought me to and from.

The Mater De who met us at the door.

The cooks in the kitchen.

The impeccable men in white shirts that served us.

The other six persons at my table.

The family of Darin Walker who gave me the centerpiece from their table.

To HESSIE WATTS for the tasty dessert.

Put them all together they spell a "night of fine dining"

Thank you Methodist Men.

Ruth Coleman

United Methodist Women

(continued)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

From our Mid-State Calendar this month: We have a couple of events. They are as follows-

MARCH 4-5 in Jefferson City, MO is our LEGISLATIVE EVENT
 MARCH 15 - SPRING DISTRICT MEETING will be held
 MARCH 28-30 - QUADRENNIAL MEETING

From our Unit Calendar this month: MARCH 7, Friday
 CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 location: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Registration: 1:30 p.m.- Worship Service: 2:00 p.m.
 Representative: LUCY FARRELL

MARCH 10, Monday - UMW EXECUTIVE MEETING - 9:30 A.M.

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS; Vote for Recipient of Special Recognition Pin

CIRCLE MEETING INFORMATION

MARCH 18: WESLEY CIRCLE-
 HOSTESS: Ruby McNew, PROGRAM: Linda Mellor

MARCH 20: MARY MARTHA-
 HOSTESS: Margaret Hankewich, CO-HOSTESS: Lucy Farrell (note: change in Hostess and Co-Hostess from recordings from our yearbook)
 DEVOTION: Bev Lachut, PROGRAM: _____

Love in Christ,

Tina Zeller,
 Communications Coordinator, UMW



STEWARDSHIP

	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	84	85	86	81
Worship	160	300	226	210
(8:00 a.m. / 10:20 a.m.)	(35/125)	(28/130)	(26/129)	(29/119)
(Spark!)	(--)	(142)	(71)	(62)
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	572	572	572	571
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	2348.50	3107.95	5596.55	7199.00
Property Improvement	202.39	145.00	230.00	379.50
Capital Campaign	229.38	622.00	912.00	1082.50



General Fund Financial Information	
Annual Budget:	248,342.00
Contributions needed to date:	28,654.85
Actual contributions to date:	32,993.00
Weekly need:	4,775.81

Capital Improvement Campaign Update	
Campaign Goal:	175,000.00
Pledges to date:	67,481.00
Contributions to date:	46,231.21

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.

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	

April			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
6	Mike Maxwell	David and Donna Wrenn	Bob and Cindy Koch Sandy Halford Evelyn Rogers
13	David Wrenn	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	
20	Earl Haller	Larry and Karen Kay	
27	Elvin Farquhar	Tom and Betty Maxwell	

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

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

Here we are in the month of March 2008. Have you been thinking about joining us? Our meetings are very relaxed while we share in Christian fellowship with one another. We also have a program, as well as a wonderful refreshment. Please join us, and see what you missing. Our Circles are WESLEY, and MARY MARTHA. Wesley meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:p.m. at the Church unless otherwise announced. Mary Martha meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced, normally at the home of the Hostess.

Our PURPOSE: The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

WHO ARE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN?

Any women may become a member of the United Methodist Women if she chooses to join, to commit herself to the PURPOSE of the organization. Not all women of the United Methodist Church are automatically members of the United Methodist Women, though all are welcome and encouraged to belong. Membership is for those women who wish to organize for mission by participating in the organization through giving, prayer, study, action, or service. The majority of members will be members of the United Methodist Church, but only the president is required to be a member of the United Methodist Church.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH



Holy Week Activities in March

On Palm Sunday, March 16, at the 10:20 service, the children will enter and march through the sanctuary with palm branches waving. On Maundy Thursday, March 20, there will be a drama, The Longest Night, along with choral music. On Good Friday, March 21, you may sign up to visit the Stations of the Cross, with groups beginning at 5:30 p.m. On Easter morning the youth will hold a sunrise service at 6:30. There will be breakfast casserole in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to participate, along with the 8:00 and 10:20 services, and 9:00 Sunday School. Finally, we will conclude a joyous Easter Sunday worship experience with the 6:30 p.m. Spark service.

Youth Mission Team Dinner

Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 2nd for our Youth Mission Team Dinner. We will be serving Beef Brisket, Green Beans, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert and Drinks. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children and fewer than 5 are free. We are so appreciative of the support and prayers of a wonderful church family.

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

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.

Bibles for Haiti

Larry Long is returning to Port-au-Prince Haiti the first week of March to work with the House of Hope Christian girls' home, and the New Christian Church of Tabarre.

His trip will support and strengthen neighborhood evangelism, work with prison ministry, and he will show 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 \$2.50 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".

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.

Ice Skating

All are welcome to join the Youth Group for an afternoon of Ice Skating at Washington Park Arena in Jefferson City on Sunday, March 9th. We will leave from the church at 3:00 p.m. Our skating session is from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 for youth and \$3.50 for adults and an additional skate rental fee of \$1.50. We will stop at McDonald's for supper on the way home. Please let the church office know if you will be attending this afternoon of fun for the family. If you have any questions, please call Karma Haller at 660-834-3344.

Carrying the Cross

The Nelson Memorial United Methodist Youth will be "Carrying the Cross" on Good Friday and we invite all who would like to participate with us. We will meet with several other churches at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to walk with us but would like to participate in some way, it would be great to line the streets of our route and show your support and faith in that way. The details are still being planned so look for upcoming information in the church bulletin.

Easter Egg Hunt

March 23rd is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the westside church lawn for children ages 1 through 4th grade. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult. This will be held after children's time at the 10:20 a.m. service. After the Egg Hunt we will go down in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. The baskets will be provided. If you have any questions, please see me or call: 660-848-2031.

God's Blessings,
Nancy Schler, Church School Director

Summer Church Camp 2008

Missouri Camping and Retreat Ministries has announced the 2008 Methodist Summer Camp Schedule. This year's theme is "Handle with Care." Camps are available for kids aged 5 through 18 years. Parents can register on-line at www.mocamps.org. On-line registration is the preferred method. The church has funding to off-set the costs of the registration. If you have a child planning to attend one of the camps, please call the Church office for more details.

As in past years, Nelson Memorial is offering 50% financial support of all UM 2008 Summer Camps. An "early bird" price is available when registering **before** April 16. Call the Church office for more details.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<p>-4- David Booker</p> <p>-5- Levi Gerke Leigh Parker Ruth Thompson</p> <p>-6- Jennifer Jones Andrea Klusmeyer</p> <p>-7- Bob Stephens Cody Stretz Hessie Watts</p> <p>-8- Audrey Phelps Willard Spotts Rachel Whitehurse</p> <p>-9- Dusty Rohrbough Martha Selsor</p> <p>-10- Misty Langston</p> <p>-11- Bob Schmittou</p>	<p>-12- Brenna Gerke Carl Rude Tina Zeller</p> <p>-13- Stephanie Carey Brad Schreck</p> <p>-15- Mandy Litton</p> <p>-16- Karen Day</p> <p>-17- Kaitlyn Gebhard</p> <p>-19- Brooke Halford Jackie McCollom Jeremy Wood Donna Wrenn</p> <p>-20- Judy Powell</p> <p>-21- Katarina Alexander Cathy Gochenour Tiffany Solomon</p>	<p>-22- Christopher Thomas</p> <p>-23- Todd McVicker Lilla Sullins Sharon Whitehurse</p> <p>-24- Dennis Huff</p> <p>-26- Ruth Coleman Jeff Gochenour Tommy Holem Leah Schmidt David Whitehurse</p> <p>-27- Richard Farmer Chris Phelps</p> <p>-30- Pat Reardon</p> <p>-31- Angie Zaugg</p>
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Please help us update the Birthday List by notifying the Church office if your name is missing. Thank you!

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 (<i>health</i>)	Alma Remley (<i>health</i>)
Family of Ruby Gregory (<i>grief</i>)	Family of Pat Roberts (<i>grief</i>)
Jean Haller (<i>health</i>)	Christine Schmidt & Family (<i>health</i>)
Don Hopkins (<i>health</i>)	Tommy Schnell (<i>health</i>)
Carl Ludlam (<i>health</i>)	Gertrude Simmons (<i>health</i>)
Ted Mellor (<i>health</i>)	Velma Todd (<i>health</i>)
Jennifer Metzger (<i>health</i>)	Charles Whitten (<i>health</i>)

Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

Shannon Challender <i>(deployed to Afghanistan)</i>	Melody Von Engeln <i>(Missionary in Japan)</i>
LT. senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler <i>(stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA, EA18G Growler training)</i>	Covenant Church of Gondola, <i>(Mozambique)</i>
Major Jeremy Gettings <i>(deployed to Iraq as Marine Harrier Pilot)</i>	Flooding in Mozambique
Robert Mike Grissum <i>(deployed to Iraq)</i>	President of the United States
Aaron Von Engeln <i>(deployed to Afghanistan)</i>	Men & Women of our Armed Forces
	Leaders of the World



HEARTFELT THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and expressed concerns for Margaret and me the last few weeks during my health issues. Thanks to Pastor Elmer for his visit before we went to St. Louis. A special thank you to Jack and Dorothy Bell for driving us to and from St. Louis and for their support during that time.

Don Hopkins