

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.

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, Apr. 1 & 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class
Wednesday, Apr. 9 at 8:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men at Bobber Café
Sunday, Apr. 13 at 7:00 a.m.

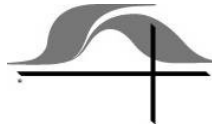
Nurture Committee, Open Door Class
Monday, Apr. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Wesley Circle, at Dorothy Bell’s
Tuesday, Apr. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle
Thursday, Apr. 17 at 1:30 p.m.



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In a New York minute - everything can change.

- Don Henley

One moment you are going through the routines of your week, then the phone rings. The unfamiliar voice informs you that they are taking your wife by ambulance to the emergency room. You ask if she is able to talk to you, but she is not. All you can do is tell the friend who made the call that you are on your way and will meet them at the hospital.

Every day someone faces such a crisis, but none of us are prepared for it. Every night someone spends frantic hours waiting for tests in a crowded ER, with assurances that they are doing all they can to get to the bottom of *this problem*. At any given time, someone is wondering what will happen next to the one they love, and when they will get any answers.

And so often the answers we get are not ones we hope for. And so, with prayers, and holding on tight to each other for support, we muster up our courage to go ahead with the procedure that the doctors are offering as a possible solution.

Everything changes in a moment of time. But it is in those moments that God’s presence can make all the difference in the world. Through all that we have faced as a family this month, there was this constant in the midst of so much uncertainty. And I realized that this physical crisis is not an anomaly - it is not some deviation from how life is supposed to be - it was simply a reminder of how life really is. Life is fragile. Our health, our strength, even our lives themselves are not invulnerable. Every one of us is but a moment away from any number of crises.

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And perhaps it's time that we stop pretending that we are ten feet tall and bullet proof. The truth is that we are fragile beings, in need of God's grace, and God's presence every minute. And while we are at it, maybe we can also remember that we also need each other. That's what *bearing one another's burdens* is all about. It is being there for each other, before, during and after the crises that we all must face.

I thank God for Maggie's healing. I thank God for the grace and strength that we have experienced. And I thank God for all of you, your prayers, your dinners, your cards, and your genuine support for us. This is what a church is all about, and I'm privileged to call you my friends.

– Pastor E



The Spark!

The Spark is an experience you won't want to miss! More than that, it is an experience you will want to share. In this post-Easter season, it is up to us to get the word out, and to invite people to join us. There are people that you know who are just waiting to be asked – it's up to you to extend the welcome.

Pastor E has begun a new series called,

"Body Building in the Boonslick: Things We Need To Build Our Spiritual Bodies For Our Very Physical Lives."

Be there at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday night.

The Spark is...

Vibrant praise worship

A chance to kick the week off right

A great place to bring your friends and family

NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Staff Liaison Assignments

Revised by Staff-Parish Relations Committee, February 1, 2008

Employee

Liaison

Pastor Elmer

Ricky Powell

Karma Haller

Mark Mellor

Marcey Caldwell

Marsha Kempf

Pete Christus

Darin Walker

Debby Davis

John Linville

Nancy Ward

June Marshall

Sheri Phillips

Ali Roth

Steve Hendrix

Chuck Harris

If any member of the congregation has questions about a staff position, please contact the appropriate liaison person on the SPR committee.



STEWARDSHIP

	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 2	Mar 9
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OF OUR PRESENCE:

Sunday School	67	80	89	93
Worship	112	148	164	159
(8:00 a.m. / 10:20 a.m.)	(31/81)	(32/116)	(29/135)	(22/137)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

	571	571	571	570
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OF OUR GIFTS:

General Fund	2611.66	3547.25	6296.00	7255.97
Property Improvement	160.00	120.00	250.00	200.00
Capital Campaign	222.00	492.00	372.00	1970.00



General Fund Financial Information	
Annual Budget:	248,342.00
Contributions needed to date:	47,758.08
Actual contributions to date:	52,703.88
Weekly need:	4,775.81

Capital Improvement Campaign Update	
Campaign Goal:	175,000.00
Pledges to date:	67,481.00
Contributions to date:	49,624.21

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.

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	

May			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
4	Tim Von Engeln	Larry and Judy Long	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
11	Tom Maxwell	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	
18	Bob Koch	Bob and Cindy Koch	
25	Ricky Powell	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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 14 - 18, 2008

This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled and will be taking off soon! We have a wonderful curriculum designed and are looking for teachers and helpers. If you are interested in helping, please return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate. Missy Walker, Jennifer Jones or Debbie Maxwell will be calling soon to give you more details.

I AM INTERESTED IN HELPING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- I WOULD LIKE TO BE A TEACHER; designate station below
- I WOULD LIKE TO BE A HELPER
(6th grade and up)
- I WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THE NURSERY
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO CRAFTS
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO MUSIC
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO REFRESHMENTS
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO RECREATION
- I WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING STATIONS:

- 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS
- CAMPFIRE STORIES (tell the Bible story)
- BIBLE CHALLENGE (reinforce the Bible story)

NAME _____ (Please print) PHONE NUMBER _____

United Methodist Women

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LOOKING AHEAD INTO THE MONTH OF MAY

May 1- Thursday- 1:30 p.m.

UNIT MEETING in Fellowship Hall- Dessert

Hostess: Mary Martha Circle

Program: Lavonne Patterson

Mission Coordinator-Social Action

Mid-State District

May 4- SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Recognition of High School / College Graduates

May 15- MARY MARTHA CIRCLE:

HOSTESS- Betty Maxwell

CO-HOSTESS- Helen Taylor

DEVOTION- Carol Harris

PROGRAM- Clay Belle Morris

May 20- WESLEY CIRCLE:

CARRY-IN SUPPER- 6:30 p.m.

Home of Carol Schenck

We will be taking the summer off, as far the Circle meetings go, but there will be a few events held in June, July and August. (These will be mentioned at a later date.)

Everyday is a Blessing!

Tina Zeller,

Communications Coordinator, UMW

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH

First Friday Fun Night

The First Friday Fun Night will be April 4th from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. We thought we would add to the fun by grilling hotdogs at 6:30 so please come early and bring a bag of chips and your own drinks to enjoy before the games start. Don't forget to bring your favorite game and snack and invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

Youth Mission Team Dinner

Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 6th for our Youth Mission Team Dinner. We will be serving spaghetti and garlic bread, 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.

Safe Sanctuary Training

There will be two Safe Sanctuary training sessions conducted in April. The first will be on Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The second will be on Sunday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the church lounge. There will also be an upcoming training session on June 4th for those who will be associated or working with VBS. This training session will be for those who are working with our Youth and Children of the church, and who have not had the training in the past 18 months. You will be notified if it is time for your renewal. If you have any questions, or need to set up a different time to do this, please contact Karma Haller at 660-834-3344.

Relay for Life

We will have a church team at the Relay for Life event this year, April 25-26. If you would like to be a part of the team by raising money, walking, or working at our booth please contact Jennifer Jones at 882-6838.

- Thank you -

Ted and I wish to express a heartfelt "thank you" to Pastor Elmer and our church family for the ongoing loving support and prayers in our continuing battle with Ted's cancer. You will never know how much we appreciate you and feel that you each are there for us as we make this journey. Your words, hugs, cards, calls & prayers give us the courage to go on. Our blessed Savior is walking the path with us too and we give Him thanks for His many blessings. May He bless each of you. We love you and thank you.

Ted and Sharon

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.

Special Request...

- Please return borrowed church kitchen towels.
- Anyone who has left dishes, etc. from previous dinners, please pickup as soon as possible.

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.

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

Wesley Circle will meet this month of April on Tuesday evening the 15th at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Dorothy Bell. Dorothy will be our Hostess. Julie Schupp will provide us with the Program. As for Mary Martha Circle, they will meet in April on Thursday afternoon the 17th at 1:30 p.m. Carol Harris will be the Hostess; Co-Hostess will be Sandy Halford; Ada Gingrich with the Devotion; and Betty Rainey will provide the Program.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

From the MID-STATE CALENDAR our events are as follows:

APRIL 18-19: There will be a Women's and Young Women's Retreat, held in Springfield.

From the 2008 UMW UNIT CALENDAR, our events for the month are:

APRIL 20: UMW Sunday-Sale of Ribbons for Missions



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<p>-1- Dixie Lloyd Lori Zoeller</p> <p>-2- Ann Hartmann Trent Maxwell Larry Schreck</p> <p>-3- Raven Stone</p> <p>-5- Bill Campbell Velma Todd</p> <p>-6- Jones Gann</p> <p>-8- Gayle Livingston James Lloyd</p> <p>-9- Nicholas Christus Tracy Wrenn</p> <p>-11- Ben Vanderhoof</p>	<p>-12- Gu-Ree Beam</p> <p>-13- Evelyn Rogers</p> <p>-15- McKinzey Breshears John Litton</p> <p>-16- Margene Farquhar Samantha Gerke Aaron Klusmeyer Rebecca Simmons</p> <p>-17- Ada Gingrich Gertrude Simmons</p> <p>-18- Patricia Christus Amee Riley Faith Suddarth</p> <p>-20- Audra Whitehurse</p>	<p>-22- Marilyn Cochran Ken Farris Michele Muroski</p> <p>-23- Kenneth Carey Diane Gettings Brad Hartmann</p> <p>-24- Jeff Beiswinger</p> <p>-25- Jim Vanderhoof</p> <p>-26- George Appleman</p> <p>-28- Pete Christus</p> <p>-29- James Kay Charles Phillips</p> <p>-30- Amanda Adair Tyler Gregg</p>
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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

Family of Vera Adams (<i>grief</i>)	Family of William Hughes (<i>grief</i>)
Gu-Ree Beam (<i>health</i>)	Maggie McClafflin (<i>health</i>)
Family of Earl Brownfield (<i>grief</i>)	Ted Mellor (<i>health</i>)
Ruth Coleman (<i>health</i>)	Jennifer Metzger (<i>health</i>)
Family of Dan Crawford (<i>grief</i>)	Gary Schnell (<i>health</i>)
Family of Jan DeGraffenreid (<i>grief</i>)	Gertrude Simmons (<i>health</i>)
Family of T.A. Dinwiddie (<i>grief</i>)	John Somers (<i>health</i>)
Donna Farmer (<i>health</i>)	Family of Helen Taylor (<i>grief</i>)
Jean Haller (<i>health</i>)	Sam & Ruth Thompson (<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>)	
Brigadier General Larry Kay (<i>deployed to Kosovo</i>)	President of the United States
Aaron Von Engeln (<i>stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina</i>)	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!