

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services – 8:00 & 10:20 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

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

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

Glorify - Summer break

Youth Group & Youth Bible Study –

6:30 p.m. at Karma Haller’s

Chancel Choir Practice – Summer break

### MEETINGS

See the UMW page for event listings

**Safe Sanctuary Training**, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Aug. 2 at 9:00 a.m.

**Board of Trustees**, Foundation Class

Monday, Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

**Men’s Bible Study** at Steve Solomon’s

Tuesday, Aug. 5 & 26 at 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Men** at Bobber Café

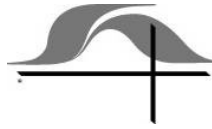
Sunday, Aug. 10 at 7:00 a.m.

**Nurture Committee**, Open Door Class

Monday, Aug. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Council**, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 7:00 p.m.



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*The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God stands forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

A large teddy bear - flowers and cartoons - and the names big and bold in every color of the rainbow - all outside my kitchen door. I love sidewalk chalk. I love the creativity that it brings out in kids of all ages, even when they are almost in college (Laura did the teddy bear.) As Vacation Bible School ended a massive mural was left behind where each of the children took chalk in hand and decorated their own little square of the sidewalk. It was a sight to behold, but not for long.

As the massive rain storm beat down, all the colors faded and swirled. They mixed together and washed away to the river, never to be seen again. The words of Isaiah are illustrated once again in life’s ever flowing stream of change. There are moments of time that we cannot capture. There are sights that we cannot hold on to. There is beauty that is here but for a moment.

Our lives are like sidewalk chalk. They are beautiful. They express so much. But they too will move on, making more room for new pictures on the walk of life. This is not something to be sad about, it is part of God’s creation. The words in one of our creeds reminds us that we believe in a God who has created and is creating. Creation is not stagnant, it is always changing form. Creation is not a one time thing, but the ongoing work of God in our world every day. The constant in all of this creative change is none other than God’s word.

In the midst of change we have the assurance that God will not fade, fall or wash away. As we look to the days ahead and all the changes that will occur, we don’t need to fear. Things must change for us to grow. Things must change for us to truly live. But I’m good with that, because I know that there will always be more than enough chalk for us to make something even more beautiful than before.

– Pastor E



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Jun 22      Jun 29      Jul 6      Jul 13**

**OF OUR PRESENCE:**

Sunday School	65	61	67	105
Worship Total	261	185	180	232
8:00 a.m.	37	35	44	45
10:20 a.m.	102	113	98	144
Spark!	122	37	38	43

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:**

563	563	563	563
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**OF OUR GIFTS:**

General Fund	2755.00	5627.10	4843.00	5330.81
Property Improvement	190.00	110.00	305.00	285.00
Capital Campaign	285.00	899.00	690.00	762.00



<b>General Fund Financial Information</b>	
Annual Budget:	248,342.00
Contributions needed to date:	133,722.62
Actual contributions to date:	135,238.34
Weekly need:	4,775.81

<b>Capital Improvement Campaign Update</b>	
Campaign Goal:	175,000.00
Pledges to date:	67,481.00
Contributions to date:	65,055.21

**Saving your trash to treasures**

The Outreach Committee will have a rummage sale September 19-20 with items to be brought to fellowship hall the week before.

**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 the autumn dates of 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, John Ward. They will be glad to share with you what a life-changing experience this is.

**VBS Thanks...**



We would like to thank all of those who helped with vacation bible school in any way this year. Thank you for the support, the prayers, the prayer walk, the giving tree items, attending the Friday evening closing program and especially the teachers and helpers. We would not have had such a successful week without all of you. If you would like to see pictures of all the fun we had during the week you can go to [gallery.me.com/jameswk](http://gallery.me.com/jameswk) or to the church website where there will be a link to this.

Thank you again  
*Debbie Maxwell, Missy Walker, and Jennifer Jones*

**Summer Youth Group**

Calling all youth, 6th –12th grade, for Summer Youth Group activities. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for our Summer Gatherings. We meet at the home of Karma & Earl Haller for food, fun and fellowship.

## Kid's Hope USA Summer Events

August 10th; 10:20 am - 12:30 pm - We will have our yearly tradition of having the Kids Hope families to our church in honor of celebrating Kid Hope USA. We will be providing a lunch for the Kids Hope families following the church service. If anyone is interested in becoming a mentor or prayer partner for the 2008 - 2009 school year, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. My phone number is: 660-882-6052 or my email is: sheriphillips@hughes.net.

Have a great summer!  
*Sheri Phillips, Director*



### All-Church Picnic



The annual all-church swim and picnic hosted by the United Methodist Men will be Monday, August 25 at the Knights of Columbus. Swimming will begin at 4:30 with the dinner at 6:30. The United Methodist Men will be furnishing the meat, drinks and table service. Each one coming to the picnic is asked to bring one or two dishes for the meal. Please put that date on your calendar and plan to come and have a great fellowship with us. See you there!

### All Church Float Trip



The Annual All- Church Float Trip on the beautiful Meramec River is planned for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008. We will leave the church at 6:45 a.m. The cost will be approximately \$35.00 per canoe and lunch supplies (usually around \$3.00 per person and includes hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks.) Our cost always depends on how many people we have going and the

more people we have the less the cost is, so invite your friends and family and make it a great fun day on the river. We will stop and eat supper at a restaurant on the way home. We will be back by 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Karma Haller @ 660-834-3344 or David DeGraffenreid @ 660-882-2072. This is a great time for enjoying the beauty of God's creation and for lots of fun and fellowship. We would like to have an approximate head count so please sign up in the church office or by calling Karma or David.

## 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.

August			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
3	Tom Maxwell	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	Chuck and Carol Harris
10	Bob Koch	Larry and Judy Long	
17	Ricky Powell	Bob and Cindy Koch	Jack and Dorothy Bell
24	Ben Phelps	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
31	Will Parker	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	

September			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
7	Hessie Watts	Bob and Cindy Koch	Ben and Kim Phelps
14	Elvin Farquhar	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
21	1st - Ali Roth 2nd- Evelyn Rogers	Larry and Judy Long	Bill and Nancy Parker
28	David Wrenn	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.



## Thank You from the Mellors

Three long years filled with prayers, hugs, food, smiles, visits, words of encouragement and so much love kept us going through Ted's battle with cancer. We rejoice that he has gone to his heavenly home. Our church family was always there when we needed them and Ted never wanted to miss a Sunday if he could possibly be in the pew. He loved each one of you and worshipping his Savior was so important to him.

Ted, Mark, Linda, Monique and I would never have been able to have made this journey without all the support that we received from you.

May God's richest blessings be showered upon each and every one of you.....Thank you.

*The Mellors*



## ***ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH***

### **The Spark!**

We will be jamming this summer at the Spark!  
Every Sunday night at 6:30 you are invited to come and experience....

Exciting praise worship with The Spark Band!  
Connection with great people of faith  
A great place to bring your friends and family

**Come and join us! Invite others! Get the word out!**



### **First Friday Fun Night**

The August First Friday Fun Night will be August 8 at the church with a BBQ at 6:30 p.m. and games starting at 7:00. 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.

## **Safe Sanctuary Training**

Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church is undergoing a change in their Safe Sanctuary Training. Our goal is to have all persons working with children, youth and vulnerable adults within our church to be trained within the Conference Safe Sanctuary procedures and policies. This would include those working with VBS, youth programs, children programs, Kid's Hope, etc. Karma Haller has become a Conference trainer and will be conducting the training programs. Our next training session will be on Saturday, August 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. It would be a great advantage if all paperwork were submitted to the Conference office before the training. This may be done online at [www.moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries](http://www.moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries). The cost will be \$20.00 per person and must be paid by credit card at the time you are completing the paperwork. You must have access to Adobe Acrobat Reader in order to submit your paperwork online. If you do not have access to a computer but would still need to submit your paperwork, please contact the church office at 660-882-6223 and we will set up a time for you to do this at church. The paperwork can be done by hand and submitted to the conference office but this would cost \$23.00 (due to extra work to conference office staff.) You may do the complete training online and this would take 2 to 3 hours. If you have any questions, please call Karma Haller at 660-834-3344 or 660-537-3061. Please be patient with us as we work our way through this new territory. The end results will be well worth the effort we are putting forward. Please pray for our children and youth as well as all the adults working with them.

### **You're Invited**

The August Ad Council meeting will be an "un-meeting." We will be doing some brainstorming and discussion about how we can expand our walls and grow our congregation. Everyone is welcome, but if you come you have to participate by sharing your ideas with us.

Date: Wednesday, August 13.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall.

There will even be food! Everyone who wants to be involved in this time of creative sharing is seriously invited to attend.

# U.M.W.

## United Methodist Women

The U.M.W. were invited to the St. Matthew AME church, on Saturday June 21 at 2:00 p.m. It was a celebration titled 100 Christian Women in White. The program theme was "Sewing on a Legacy". Everyone invited was asked to wear the color "white". We certainly appreciated the opportunity to attend this wonderful celebration. It was very uplifting and informative. Thanks to the women of St. Matthew AME!

The School of Missions was also held at CMU- Fayette, MO on July 24-27th.

For this month of AUGUST, we have a couple of items to bring your attention to. On Monday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the church lounge we will have our UMW Executive Meeting. On Saturday, August 23 is the Mini-School of Missions.

For SEPTEMBER we will be beginning our circle meetings. We'd like to send out an invitation to all of the "women" in our church congregation, to join us. Once again, our circles are WESLEY, and MARY MARTHA. You're welcome to come and visit both circles and see what you've been missing. We'd love to have you!

WESLEY CIRCLE- September 16

H: Nell Smoot                      P: Kim Phelps

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE- September 18

H: Sandy Halford                      CH: Carol Harris  
D: Sandy Halford                      P: TBA

## United Methodist Women

(continued)

### OTHER SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 4- Thursday- 11:30 a.m.- Carry-in Luncheon

Unit Meeting Fellowship Hall

Election of Officers

Kitchen: Mary Martha Circle

Dining Room: Wesley Circle

Program: Randy Loechner, Director of Planned Giving

Epworth Children & Family Services, St. Louis

SEPTEMBER 13- Fall District Meeting

Nelson Memorial UMC-Boonville

SEPTEMBER 27- UMW Annual Conference

Springfield

I would like to wish everyone in our church congregation family, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries a wonderful and God filled day.



Always take your rainbow with you!  
*Tina Zeller,*  
Communications Coordinator, UMW

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

# 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:*

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## Continued Prayer

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Ruth Coleman <i>(health)</i>	Alma Remley <i>(health)</i>
Dan Crawford <i>(health)</i>	Gina Silvey <i>(health)</i>
Jean Haller <i>(health)</i>	Gertrude Simmons <i>(health)</i>
Bill Hughes <i>(health)</i>	Family of Ruth Thompson <i>(grief)</i>
Patty Mangels <i>(health)</i>	Laura Wax <i>(health)</i>
Family of Ted Mellor <i>(grief)</i>	David Wrenn <i>(health)</i>
Speer Morgan <i>(health)</i>	

Flood victims

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## Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

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LT senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler <i>(stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA, EA18G Growler training)</i>	Melody Von Engeln <i>(Missionary in Japan)</i>
Major Jeremy Gettings <i>(returned home from Iraq)</i>	Covenant Church of Gondola, <i>(Mozambique)</i>
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

<b>-1-</b> Brittany Ditto Scott Roth	<b>-14-</b> Abygale Maupin Ruth Reiha Nichole Twenter	<b>-24-</b> Christine Schmidt
<b>-3-</b> Kyle Chrisman	<b>-16-</b> Ethan Walker	<b>-25-</b> Charles Whitten Justin Wood
<b>-4-</b> Mary Somerville	<b>-17-</b> Dean Somerville	<b>-26-</b> Jan DeWeerd Elvin Farquhar
<b>-5-</b> Roger Farmer Bryce Page	<b>-18-</b> Trevor Ditto Ron Lenz Meradith Stretz	<b>-27-</b> Becky Fredrich Charlotte King Opal Wiseman Sheryl Wood
<b>-6-</b> Dorothy Bell Roy Humphreys	<b>-19-</b> Peggy Engle Wendell Hanson Helen Jones Susan Simmons	<b>-28-</b> Brayden Page
<b>-7-</b> Theresa Hendrix	<b>-20-</b> Leslie Reardon	<b>-29-</b> Jan Somerville
<b>-8-</b> Lucy Farrell	<b>-23-</b> Wiley McVicker	<b>-30-</b> Susanne Kissane
<b>-10-</b> Brandon Faubion		<b>-31-</b> Natasha Windsor
<b>-11-</b> Rodger Brewen Wade Davis Bo Huckabay		

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