

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 in Fellowship Hall – 6:30 p.m.

Youth Bible Study in the Chapel – 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

See the UMW page for event listings

Board of Trustees, Foundation Class

Monday, Sept. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study at Steve Solomon’s

Tuesday, Sept. 2 & 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee, Lounge

Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Nurture Committee, Open Door Class

Monday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 8:00 p.m.

Staff-Parish Relations, Open Door Class

Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men at Bobber Café

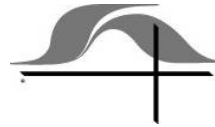
Sunday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 a.m.

Safe Sanctuary Training, Fellowship Hall

Monday, Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Acolyte Training, Sanctuary

Sunday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 a.m.



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The line of cars began two miles north of town. I realized that this would not be as simple as I had hoped. We proceeded down the two lane highway and eventually ended up within a few yards of our destination. Several trips up and down the stairs with boxes and suitcases, one shopping trip to pick up what she still needed, and thirty-five dollars in cash out of my pocket later, it was finished! We had successfully moved Laura into college.

This was nothing new for Maggie and me. We knew the drill from similar trips with Steven and Ian. Even Bobby was used to the routine. But that didn’t make it any easier for me to leave. This is my little girl! And there I was, leaving her in a strange city in a dorm with strangers and just driving away? But that’s what I did, and I can’t tell you how happy I am for her. After all she’s been through it is wonderful to see her as a young adult pursuing her dreams.

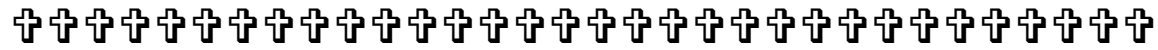
I drove home with a much lighter car but with a much heavier heart. It’s not easy to let go, but we all have to. We can look back and remember how things were. We can get out the old pictures and long for times past. There is nothing wrong with reminiscing. But there is something very wrong with trying to live in that past world.

There is a better way to live, but it requires us to loosen our grip on the past and reach forward to things yet to be. I look forward to Laura finding her life’s calling and seeing her do great things. I look forward to seeing the decisions Laura will make, both good and not so good. I look forward to meeting the people who will become part of her life. I look forward to the time when she will get a job that will take care of her needs. But mostly I look forward to the time when she runs out of laundry and makes her first trip home!

Life goes on with or without our permission, God made it that way. If it were up to us we would probably build a shrine to our glory days and just sit there basking (Peter’s bad idea on the Transfiguration Mountain.) It is time to move on – to welcome the new day – to try new things – to remember what is important in our lives – to move out of the known and into the realm of faith.

I believe that the future holds our best days, not just for us, but for our children. I can’t wait to see what God has in store for all of us. And I’m so thankful that I have a good ten years before I have to face this college thing again. I’ll need it!

– Pastor E



STEWARDSHIP

	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	71	49	78	72
Worship Total	206	156	189	180
8:00 a.m.	48	39	40	25
10:20 a.m.	113	83	113	119
Spark!	45	34	36	36
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	560	560	561	561
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	3965.90	2086.30	5902.75	5767.79
Property Improvement	115.00	130.00	380.00	60.00
Capital Campaign	370.00	249.00	890.33	895.00



General Fund Financial Information	
Annual Budget:	248,342.00
Contributions needed to date:	152,825.85
Actual contributions to date:	152,961.08
Weekly need:	4,775.81

Capital Improvement Campaign Update	
Campaign Goal:	175,000.00
Pledges to date:	67,481.00
Contributions to date:	68,111.54

FOR OUR GRACIOUS CHURCH FAMILY

A deep and heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Maxwell family after Betty's fall. Not only did we appreciate the wonderful medical care from our Parish Nurse and Dr. John but to the many other members who gathered in the chapel to pray. Your cards, phone calls and meals meant so very much to each member of the family. It is at times like this that we come to appreciate what a loving and caring family we have at Nelson Memorial. Your care and prayers have been a large part of Betty's healing.

Pastor E and Church Family,
 I want to thank each and every one of you for your visits, cards, food, thoughts and prayers.
 They have been very much appreciated.
 Love,
Cathy Gochenour & Family

Dear Church Family & Friends~
 We wanted to thank you for the many prayers, cards, flowers, e-mails, calls, visits (family night) & thoughts on behalf of our family, in the loss of our dear grandson, Dylan Michael Ray.
 We are overwhelmed by the out pouring of love by so many dear friends. God has truly blessed us with many wonderful church families that we have been in ministry with the past several years.
 We thank you in advance for the continued prayers for our whole family, but especially for Sharon, Tommy & Briana (Dylan's 13 year old sister).
 May god bless each of you is our prayer,
Rev. Roger & Kennis Metscher

United Methodist Women

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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

(Donations by October 10th)

* Each Circle will conduct a Pledge Service and collect Thank Offerings

OCTOBER 12-Sunday, Children's Sabbath Service

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE: (monthly meeting)

H: Betty Rainey CH: Ada Gingrich
D: Betty Maxwell P: Dorothy Cook
(Pledges and Thank Offerings Due in October)

WESLEY CIRCLE: (monthly meeting)

H: Margaret Hopkins P: Tina Zeller
(Pledges and Thank Offerings Due in October)

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

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.

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

October			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
5	Mike Maxwell	David and Donna Wrenn	Carol Schenck
12	Tim Von Engeln	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	
19	Earl Haller	Bob and Cindy Koch	Patty Johnson
26	Bill Parker	Tom and Betty Maxwell	Missy Walker

Please note:

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

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!

All Church Float Trip

The Annual All- Church Float Trip on the beautiful Meramec River is planned for Saturday, September 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.

New Cabinets

Please take a minute and stop by and see the new cabinets installed by Tom Woods in the basement pantry. The cabinets needed to be replaced due to old termite and water damage. I would like to thank the UMW and UMM's assistance in moving the items from the drawers and shelves, and removing the older cabinets from the building.

Tom Halford, Trustees Chairman

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

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

This month will resume our circle meetings.

WESLEY CIRCLE will meet on the evening of Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge.

H: Nell Smoot

P: Kim Phelps

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet the afternoon of Thursday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Halford.

H: Sandy Halford

CH: Carol Harris

D: Sandy Halford

P: Iris Campbell

September 27-UMW Annual Conference
SPRINGFIELD

Children's Church

Children's church will be starting up again in September. Larry and Nancy Schler have retired from this position so we are in need of volunteers. We are asking that you sign up for a month at a time. We need two people for each month and at least one needs to be safe sanctuary trained. Curriculum is provided. This is a great ministry for our children and the only way we can keep it going is through volunteers so please consider signing up. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Maxwell (882-9096) or Jennifer Jones (882-6838).

2008-2009 Youth Group

We would like to invite all of our Youth (ages 6th grade through 12th grade) to be a part of the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Youth Group. We meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. During this time we learn how to apply our biblical and faith principles to our life in today's world, enjoy some great snacks and games, and listen to some of today's great praise music. We also usually have some community projects to do about once a month. We will be going to several Youth Rallies this year and we look forward to a wonderfully exciting and fun year with the Youth of our church. Please join us starting on Sunday, September 7th at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be playing some water balloon volleyball, make our plans for the year, and we will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. If you have any questions, please contact Karma Haller at 660-834-3344 or 660-537-3061.

HELPING HANDS

Do you have some odd jobs that need to be done around your house? These might include such things as small as changing light bulbs or replacing the battery in your smoke detector, or as large as replacing a light fixture or painting a room. If you have such work to be done, or know of someone who does, please let us know. There are a group of volunteers in our fellowship who are excited about being Helping Hands for you - all work will be done at no cost to you! Call Larry/Judy Long at 882-6462, or the church office.

Special NMUMC Speaker

On Sunday September 7th we will be blessed to have the Executive Director of the Koinonia House National Ministries, in Wheaton, IL, Mr. Manny Mill as our guest speaker. Manny was previously incarcerated in Federal Prison and has for the last 20 + years run one of the most successful aftercare programs in the country. If you have friends interested in the Matthew 25 aftercare ministry, this would be a great time to invite them to join us for the 8:00AM or 10:20AM service. This will also be an excellent way to kick off our own 2008 Community Service Project.

2008 Community Service Project (CSP)

On Monday the 8th of September we will be starting our 13th Community Service Project. This year's project will be to paint and refurbish the Historic Hain house on 4th street. Additionally, we are pleased this year that members of the Central Methodist University baseball team will be working with the CSP members. As in past years our Sunday School classes will be asked to provide the breakfasts. This will be followed by devotions prior to going to the work site. For the men of the church, if you can donate a half or whole day to work along side these men please contact Tom Halford (882-3940). As always we are deeply grateful for the support given over the years to this special Matthew 25 ministry.

Friday Fun Night Schedule

Friday Fun Night will be the second Friday in September and the third Friday in October so we will not have a conflict with home high school football games. We are also going to change things up a little bit with Friday Fun Nights. Each month will be a new theme. September 12th will be a "football kick-off" theme. We will tailgate at 6:30 so bring a bag of chips and your own drinks and come have dinner with us. Wear your favorite team shirt and if you have any outdoor games bring them too. So you can be planning ahead October 17th will be a pumpkin decorating and carving theme, more details to come later.

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 Monday, September 15th at 6:00 p.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. 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.

Invitation for Women

Firm Foundation Foursquare Church is hosting a ladies' revival on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jennifer Sands will be there to share her powerful testimony of faith. Her husband was killed in the terrorist attack on 9/11 and at that time, Jennifer was not a Christian. She will share her life-changing experience at this revival.

Tickets are \$10. A light lunch will be served and seating is limited, so if you are interested, you can purchase tickets at A-Bow-K or by calling Debby Pulliam at 888-2092.

TRASH TO TREASURES

Rummage Sale: September 19 & 20th. You may bring your treasures to the church Fellowship Hall after church September 14 and any time the 15, 16 and 17. No large furniture items, clothing should be clean & "nick-knacks" are a huge success. If you are able to set up & sort your help would be very much appreciated---Working in the Fellowship Hall will be: Monday-Thursday 9-12 & Tuesday & Thursday evening, 6-8. If you are able to help or have any questions, please give Sandy Halford a call at 882-3940.

Acolyte Training

We would like to invite our 2nd through 5th grade children who would like to assist in the worship services as acolytes to join Pastor Elmer in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. (during Sunday School). Pastor Elmer will be conducting an Acolyte Training Session at this time. This is a wonderful way for our children to share in and be a part of our worship services.

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. 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. 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.

Disciple I Bible Study

Are you hungering for the word of God? Disciple Bible Study can help you establish a disciplined pattern of study and growth in the Old and New Testaments. You are committing to an average of 30 minutes per day of independent reading and study and preparation, plus two hours each week for 34 weeks in the weekly group meeting. Be one of the 10 to 12 to sign up for this in-depth study of scripture. Approximate time frame is September through May. Weekly meeting time to be determined. Contact Steve at the church office of your interest at 882-6223.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

-1- Grady Kay	-9- Jeremy Gettings	-21- Vonciel Beiswinger Molly Suddarth
-2- Abby Stuck	-12- Charisse Earhart	-22- Patty Johnson
-3- Jason Comegys Kellen Kempf	-15- Justin Farmer	-24- Keith Caldwell Gina Fuemmeler Carol Hutchison
-4- Glenda Curnutte Rev. Elmer McClaflin	-16- David Wrenn	-27- Anna Kay Maggie Long Cyle Silvey
-5- Paige Renfrow Preston Renfrow Glenda Spotts	-17- Bobby Williams	-28- Don Maier
-7- Mark Adams	-18- Cindy Koch Heather Schreck	-30- Frances Bradley
-8- Jonathan Klusmeyer	-19- Casey Francis Phoebe Rogers	
	-20- Bobby Joe Kempf	

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 (health)	Family of Dylan Metscher Ray (grief) (Grandson of Pastor Roger and Kennis)
Vivienne Farmer (health)	Gertrude Simmons (health)
Jean Haller (health)	Velma Todd (health)
Marianne Laitner (health)	Opal Wiseman (health)

Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

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