

## 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 – 7:00 p.m.

### MEETINGS

See the **UMW** page for event listings

**Staff-Parish Relations**, Open Door Class

Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Trustees**, Foundation Class

Monday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

**Safe Sanctuary Training**, Fellowship Hall

Monday, Oct. 6 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 7 & 28 at 7:00 p.m.

**Church / Charge Conference**, F. Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Council**, Foundation Class

Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 8:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Men** at Bobber Café

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 a.m.

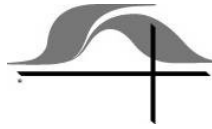
**Nurture Committee**, Open Door Class

Monday, Oct. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**Spark!**

Get the word out!

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Elmer D. McClafin, Pastor

Steve Hendrix, Editor

The other day Bobby and I were driving down the highway on a rainy day. We were right in the middle of one of those former hurricanes as it wound its way up into the Midwest. The sky was dark and ominous, but the rainfall wasn’t too bad, and the wipers on the Ford were keeping up with it so far. Then, all of the sudden, the wind shifted. It began to swirl around the car. Leaves and bits of trash began to circle us on the road, and I thought to myself. “Oh, great, we’re in the middle of a forming tornado.” I have always thought of tornados as something that I could avoid. First, there is a warning on the radio or television. Then, there are the sirens. And after we all take refuge in the nearest shelter, then the tornado arrives. It had never occurred to me that maybe I would be at the exact spot where a tornado first formed. What luck! Imagine the odds. But fortunately for Bobby and me, the winds straightened out and the rain resumed it’s pounding on the windshield as we safely made it home.

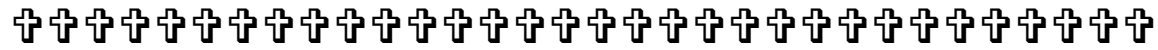
Most of the time we don’t expect to be in the midst of a tornado as it forms. Most of the time we don’t expect trouble to hit us first. We like to think that we have more control over our lives than that. Trouble is something that we usually see coming, and then we try our best to make it to safety. But sometimes it hits without warning, leaving us with nothing to do but to hold on and ride it out.

But I wonder if we feel the same way about good things as well. We have no problem seeing them – at a distance. We figure that it is possible that things could go very well. But we really don’t expect it to happen right here, and right now. We can think of countless reasons why we shouldn’t succeed, and we lower our expectations so we won’t be disappointed.

But I believe that something good is beginning to happen right here in our midst. There are signs of hope and excitement swirling around us as we go down a road we have never traveled before. It was evident as we met together to brainstorm about our future. The wind was moving as we shared in worship with the men in our Community Service Sunday. And it just keeps moving – right here – right where we are!

You never know when a storm will hit, but you can see the signs. We are seeing signs of some great things here at Nelson and with God’s guidance there’s no telling what it may turn into.

– Pastor E



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Aug 17      Aug 24      Aug 31      Sep 7      Sep 14**

**OF OUR PRESENCE:**

Sunday School	82	84	63	71	102
Worship Total	170	199	165	243	289
8:00 a.m.	25	41	30	29	25
10:20 a.m.	116	125	100	169	228
Spark!	29	33	35	45	36

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** 561      561      561      560      560

**OF OUR GIFTS:**

General Fund	4559.36	3079.00	2706.10	5052.92	3900.80
Property Improvement	149.00	95.00	215.00	270.50	175.00
Capital Campaign	805.00	217.00	212.00	697.50	305.00



<b>General Fund Financial Information</b>	
Annual Budget:	248,342.00
Contributions needed to date:	176,704.88
Actual contributions to date:	172,259.26
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:	70,031.04

**Care Packages for Our Servicemen**

We will be sending care packages to our 5 servicemen we have been praying for over the next few weeks. You may bring a care package donation to church and place in the box in the West Entrance across from the lounge or bring by Dr. Powell's dental office. We will be sending them the week after Oct. 12.

Care Package suggestions (borrowed):

- powdered sports drinks, Gatorade®, Kool-Aid®(pre-sweetened)      tea bags
- individual boxes of various cereals      popcorn balls
- granola, oatmeal, nutrition, sports bars      instant coffee
- spices (onion powder, all spice, etc.)      dried fruit
- potato chips (single bags)      beef jerky
- crackers& cheese, or peanut butter      nuts
- fast food condiments (ketchup, mustard, hot sauce, etc.)      marshmallows

**PRACTICAL ITEMS**

- baby wipes      razors, shaving cream
- after shave lotion      liquid hand sanitizer
- mouth wash      shampoo/conditioner (small)
- deodorant      nail clippers
- cotton swabs      T-shirts
- sun block      Chapstick®
- pain reliever      lotion
- Desitin® and other foot powders      sewing kits
- contact lens cleaners      dental floss
- combs/brushes      breath mints

**JUST FOR FUN ITEMS**

- stress ball      books, magazines, word puzzles
- AA or AAA batteries      disposable cameras
- Yo-yo      journals
- jump rope      Frisbee® & hackie sacks
- postcards      joke or comic books
- ear phones      mini fans
- games, cards, etc.      write them a letter/make a CD
- paper, envelopes, pens, stamps, etc.      current or funny movie DVD's
- balloons      water guns

Thank you!

# United Methodist Women

(continued)

## LOOKING INTO NOVEMBER

\*November 15- Deadline for Circles' Funds to Treasurer

November 6- Thursday- 1:30 p.m. - Unit Meeting

Fellowship Hall-Dessert

Hostess: WESLEY CIRCLE

Installation of Officers

Leader: (?) Mary Wrenn- Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Program: Mia Gray-Racial Justice

November 7- Friday

Church Women United World Community Day

Location: Presbyterian Church

Registration: 1:30 p.m. - Worship Service: 2:00 p.m.

Representative: Lucy Farrell

November 10- Monday- 9:30 a.m. - UMW Executive Meeting

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

WESLEY CIRCLE: November 18

H: Tina Zeller

P: Sharon Mellor

(Election of Officers)

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE: November 20

H: Iris Campbell

CH: Faye Robinson

D: Lucy Farrell

P: TBA

(Election of Officers)



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all in our church congregation family.  
May you have 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.

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	Karen Kay
19	Earl Haller	Bob and Cindy Koch	Patty Johnson
26	Bill Parker	Tom and Betty Maxwell	Missy Walker

November			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
2	Bob Koch	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	David and Kay Bradley  Nancy and Leigh Parker
9	Ricky Powell	Larry and Judy Long	
16	Tom Maxwell	Bob and Cindy Koch	
23	Ben Phelps	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
30	Paul Davis	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	

### Please note:

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

# October Events

## Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

Please join our Youth Mission Team on Sunday, October 5th for a Youth Mission Team Dinner. We will be serving Country Ham, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Desserts. The cost will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 for 5 to 10 year olds. This is our 1st effort to raise funds for our 2009 Youth Mission Trip. We are so blessed and appreciative to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Thank you for your love, prayers and financial support.

## Safe Sanctuary

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Monday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The web site needed to complete your paperwork, or complete the certification online, is: [www.moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries](http://www.moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries).

Contact [SSanctuaries@moumethodist.org](mailto:SSanctuaries@moumethodist.org) or call Karma Haller at 660-834-3344 if you have questions. The cost is \$20.00 per person to complete the paperwork for the Safe Sanctuary Training. This is considered a tax deduction so please be sure and keep your receipt in order to be reimbursed. Thank you for your willingness to participate in the lives of the children and youth who are associated with our church family. You are truly appreciated and we are very blessed to have so many loving people involved in the lives of these very important parts of our church.

## Bread of Life Sunday



The United Methodist Men will have their 6th annual Bread of Life Sunday on October 12th. We will be selling both sweet and yeast breads in the Sanctuary before and after both services and will be asking \$5.00 per loaf with all proceeds going to projection equipment and screens for the sanctuary.

# U.M.W.

## United Methodist Women

We will be asking once again this year, for your participation with the "BAKELESS BAKE SALE". Donations will be due sometime this month. Watch for more information, forthcoming. We would like to take this time to say thank you in advance for your contributions towards this wonderful mission.

Look forward to attending the Children's Sabbath service on Sunday, October 12. We'd love to have you all there.

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE:** (monthly meeting) October 16

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

**WESLEY CIRCLE:** (monthly meeting) October 21

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

Our circle meetings started back up in September, after the summer break. It was nice to get back together and fellowship. September 4 was our Carry-in Luncheon Unit Meeting in Fellowship Hall, with the election of Officers. Thank you to all Mary Martha Circle members for taking care of the Kitchen, as well as members of Wesley Circle for the Dining Room. Randy Loechner, the Director of Planned Giving Epworth Children & Family Services, St. Louis provided us with the program. A "special" thank you to all who provided general "wish list" items and monetary donations for this mission. We certainly do appreciate this as well as the Epworth organization. For anyone needing more information, (for making donations and contributions) you may call 1-314-918-3330. They would love to talk with you. The Fall District Meeting was held right here at Nelson Memorial UMC on September 13; from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments were provided as well as lunch. The attendance was very good. The Annual Conference was held in Springfield, MO. on September 27th.

TO ALL UMW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Since there will NOT be an annual UMW Rummage Sale AGAIN this year, we would appreciate your participation in this FUND RAISER FOR UMW MISSIONS. Contributions may be sent to the TREASURER, ALTA CHIPLEY, 1117 JEFFERSON RD., BOONVILLE, MO 65233. If you have questions, please call Alta at 882-6362. Please send your contribution by OCTOBER 10, 2008. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY THE DATE WE HAVE HAD OUR RUMMAGE SALES IN THE PAST.

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

### **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

“A bit of news we have today,  
A Bakeless Bake Sale is on its way.  
In these busy days, now who could bake  
Pies or cookies or even a cake?

You would be surprised if you counted the cost,  
Of material, heat and time you lost.  
Cooking for a sale is extra work,  
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that is truly grand,  
And feel quite sure you'll understand.  
In an envelope put the price  
Of a pie or cake or something nice.

Without fuss or muss, you've done your part,  
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.  
This is the end of our little tale,  
Wishing success for our Bakeless Bake Sale.”

### **Prescription from the Parish Nurses**

Remember the Reader's Digest column, "Laughter, the Best Medicine"? I've enjoyed that for years. The other night, Dave and I found another way to get a good dose of that medicine. We went to Friday Family Fun Night! Our excuse was that we had Alex spending the night, (and he loved it), but I'm sure we'd have had as much fun and laughed just as hard all by ourselves. If you haven't tried it yet, I'd like to prescribe that you take a dose of F.F.F.N. at the first sign of being bored, feeling lonely, wanting to connect with your church family in a new way, or just wanting to have some good clean fun. Everyone is welcome!! Let's all get together October 17th.



### **Trunk or Treat!**

Again this year, early on the evening of Sunday, October 26th, adults of the church are invited to decorate their car trunk or the rear of their van in fun and decorative Halloween garb (no witchy, gory, or haunted stuff to scare our young kids) and hand out treats to our church kids and their invited guests. Our youth will have fun games to play. The time will be 5:00 to 6:00, so there will be time to make the Spark service for those who want to do so. The location is the parking lot of the YMCA – 757 3rd Street, at the south end of the Kemper campus. This event is for participation by church members and guests of all ages. There will be fun, food, and fellowship in a safe environment.

### **Flu Clinic Scheduled**

The annual flu clinic at Nelson Memorial will be held Thursday, October 30 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Cost for the flu vaccine will be \$20.00.

The pneumonia vaccine will also be available for \$35.00. Both vaccines will be free to individuals with Medicaid or Medicare cards.

## Request from U.M.W.

Groceries are getting more and more expensive but there is a positive in all this. By saving your Dave's grocery receipts and Best Choice UPC labels and bringing them to the church office the United Methodist women earn money for their ongoing mission work. Another \$30 was earned from grocery receipts last month so THANK YOU so much. Please continue to take a minute to clip off that UPC label & also to save your receipts.....you did good this past month as we had quite a few turned in. THANKS AGAIN. *Linda and Sharon Mellor*

## Church Library

We invite everyone to come visit our library and check out some books. We receive new or slightly used books almost weekly. We now have Teri Blackstock's new "Restoration" series. She is a suspense and mystery writer. Another new series is Karen Kingsbury's "Sunrise". This series follows her popular "Firstborn" series which is in the library. "It's All about Him" takes an inspiring behind-the-scenes glimpse at one of country music's couple, Alan and Denise Jackson. In our video library, on the west side of the church, we have some new DVDs for children. For the younger ones we have the Veggie Tail "Jonah". We have several "McGee and Me" for ages 5-14. They are adventure-filled, live-action movies, that kids love and the biblical values parents like.

## Thank You

Thank You Nelson Memorial United Methodist Women for your help providing a wonderful day for our guests from the Mid-State District, providing coffee time in the morning before the meeting, and fixing a tasty lunch with dessert to 85 hungry ladies.

A special thank you to Margaret Hopkins who directed parking in the rain, David Wrenn for his help with the sound system, Jack Bell for picture taking, Darin Walker who at the last minute came and turned on the A/C, the Men from the CSP who helped put up tables. You all are a special blessing.

*Hessie Watts*  
UMW President

## A Note from Helen Taylor...

Hello to Pastor Elmer and my church family, also to Dave and Open Door SSC and to the UMW. My new address is:

Tucson Estates  
5616 W Bar X Street  
Tucson, AZ 85713  
Home Phone: 520-883-4284  
Cell Phone: 660-537-5852

Will appreciate hearing from you all.

*Helen Taylor*

## Thanks

What a great surprise it was to be honored for my retirement from teaching Sunday School. I am so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. Thanks to you the Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home will receive a generous donation in my honor. A special thanks to Nancy Parker for all her work.

*Margene*

## Youth Group

Our Sunday evening Youth Group is up and running. Anyone from 6th to 12th grade is invited to join us for some great fun, food and fellowship from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We have been helping at the Festival of the Lights and the Church Rummage Sale. Some of our upcoming activities for October will be a trip to the ARC in Columbia, picking up walnuts, raking leaves, etc.



## 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.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**-2-**  
Sarah Koch

**-4-**  
Kevin Caldwell  
Debbie Maxwell  
Nancy Ward

**-5-**  
Dave Day  
Nancy Whalen

**-6-**  
Abigail Carey  
Amy Stuck

**-7-**  
Donna Reagan

**-11-**  
David Wax

**-12-**  
Charice Hilgedick  
Sarah Langston  
Virginia Litwiller

**-13-**  
Mary Pat Abele  
Kirk Farris

**-15-**  
Jean Haller  
Carol Harris

**-16-**  
Lisa Maupin

**-17-**  
Bobby McClaflin

**-19-**  
Kacey Arnold  
Brett Rogers

**-20-**  
Marsha Kempf

**-21-**  
Nickolas Haller  
Ed Rainey

**-22-**  
John Tincher

**-23-**  
Doug Abele  
Don Williams

**-24-**  
Elinor Barrett  
Steven Beiswinger  
Bob DeWeerd

**-25-**  
Michael Schmidt  
Flossie Smith

**-26-**  
Betty Maxwell

**-28-**  
Bill Stephens

**-29-**  
Daniel Comegys  
Sean Schreck

**-30-**  
Arliss Caldwell  
Will Parker

**-31-**  
John Chipley  
Steve Hendrix  
Lisa Renfrow

# 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 *(health)*

Vivienne Farmer *(health)*

Jean Haller *(health)*

Marianne Laitner *(health)*

Gloria Mortimer *(health)*

Alma Remley *(health)*

Gertrude Simmons *(health)*

Velma Todd *(health)*

Opal Wiseman *(health)*

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

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

Major Jeremy Gettings  
*(attending the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, AL)*

Robert Mike Grissum  
*(deployed to Iraq)*

Brigadier General Larry Kay  
*(deployed to Kosovo)*

Aaron Von Engeln  
*(stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina)*

Melody Von Engeln  
*(Returned from Japan)*

Covenant Church of Gondola,  
*(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!