

## 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. in F. Hall

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

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

Youth Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Chancel Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

### MEETINGS

See the **UMW** page for event listings

**Youth Mission Team meeting**, F. Hall

Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3:45 p.m.

**Board of Trustees**, Foundation Class

Monday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 4 & 25 at 7:00 p.m.

**Outreach Committee**, Lounge

Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Men** at Bobber Café

Sunday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 a.m.

**Nurture Committee**, Open Door Class

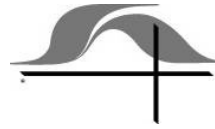
Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Council**, Foundation Class

Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 8:00 p.m.

**Safe Sanctuary Training**, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 p.m.



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Elmer D. McClafin, Pastor

Steve Hendrix, Editor

In the still darkness of early morning I heard a noise coming down the hallway. My eyes had not quite opened when it was already upon me. It was Bobby, awake, excited and urging me toward consciousness by yelling something that sounded like, “Dad, it’s time!” This was not the way things usually happen on a school-day morning in our home. Usually it is quite the opposite. Maggie or I have to use all our parenting skills, and sometimes brute force, to pry Bob from his beloved bed sheets and out to school. But this day was different, it was the day of the big field trip to St. Louis to see the Butterfly House, and there was no power on earth that could have kept that eight-year-old boy down that morning.

As I drove Bobby to school in the moonlit darkness, I remembered other times of early morning excitement in my earlier days. Whether it was the start of a vacation, Christmas morning, or the day the new cartoons premiered on T.V., there was one thing that made it all magical – hope. There is excitement when we are about to experience something for the first time – not knowing the outcome, but having high expectations.

Dozens of years, and countless field trips later, many of us find ourselves wondering if that feeling of excited anticipation is still possible. After all, we’ve grown up. We’ve seen the good and the bad, and we’ve had our share of disappointments. And yet, as I looked at that early morning sky I was reminded that there is something that is beyond our age, our life experiences, even beyond our cynicism. With the start of a new day God offers us that same magical commodity that we felt as children – hope.

Kids understand hope so much better than adults because they are not so quick to dismiss it. Kids allow themselves to entertain high expectations, and the joy that comes from full commitment to the moment. When we try to guard our lives, our hopes, our feelings, we may avoid some disappointment along the way, but we also are cutting ourselves out of our greatest potential for joy and fulfillment.

What will this day, this month, this season bring? There is no telling, but I believe that God is calling us to recapture hope, and to raise our expectations. As we step into each new day with this hope, our lives can be transformed, and there is no telling what possibilities God has for us. So go ahead, get excited, get up early and expect great things!

– Pastor E



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Sep 21      Sep 28      Oct 5      Oct 12**

**OF OUR PRESENCE:**

Sunday School	91	82	88	71
8:00 a.m.	29	26	21	25
10:20 a.m.	120	112	124	114
Spark!	36	28	31	31
Worship Total	185	166	176	170

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:**

561	561	561	560
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**OF OUR GIFTS:**

General Fund	5270.76	2712.35	9120.25	3136.75
Property Improvement	145.00	163.00	525.00	130.00
Capital Campaign	705.00	394.00	2114.00	260.00



<b>General Fund Financial Information</b>	
Annual Budget:	248,342.00
Contributions needed to date:	195,808.12
Actual contributions to date:	192,499.37
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:	73,579.54

**Kids Hope USA**

Kids Hope has kicked off the new school year!! We had our mentor/teacher breakfast on October 13th in the library at David Barton Elementary. We had a wonderful turnout. I want to thank all of the mentors that were able to attend for taking the time out of their day to come and meet their Kids Hope child's teacher. I know all of the teachers enjoyed meeting you and talking with you about your child.

We will begin mentoring the week of October 20th. We currently have 12 mentors and prayer partners. We lost several mentors this past year and I would really like to see that number get back up to at least 15. I am asking that everyone please prayerfully consider becoming a mentor. We presently have two children that are signed up for the program, but we don't have mentors for them -- this just isn't acceptable. I would love to be able to have mentors for these two children by the end of November. Please contact me at 882-6052 if you are interested -- I am more than happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have. It is such a rewarding program for the child, as well as the mentor.

Sheri Phillips, Director  
 Kids Hope USA  
 Phone: (660) 882-6052  
[sheriphillips@hughes.net](mailto:sheriphillips@hughes.net)

**Donations for Servicemen**

On behalf of the nurture committee, thank you to all who brought items for our servicemen. Over 10 boxes were mailed to them filled with the donated items. Thanks again for showing your appreciation for all they do to support our country.

*Judy Powell*

**End of the Year Giving Deadline**

As you consider your final contributions for 2008, please note that the church office must receive it by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, in order for it to be credited on your 2008 giving statement.

## November is Diabetes Awareness Month

- If present trends continue, 1 of every 3 kids born in 2000 will develop diabetes. For people of color, it's 1 of 2.
- Diabetes is diagnosed in more than 10% of adults, and a quarter of those older than 60 have diabetes.
- Diabetes is on the rise. There are 23.6 million Americans with diabetes, and 57 million Americans with pre-diabetes right now, but the total prevalence increased 13.5% from 2005 to 2007.
- For the millions of children and adults with diabetes, the future means knowing that daily decisions can lead to deadly complications without constant vigilance. And for those at risk, everyday lifestyle choices can bring them one step closer to this devastating disease.

### Know Your Risk Factors

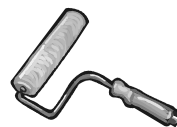
- Age greater than 56
- Non-white ethnic background
- Being very overweight compared to height
- Low physical activity level
- High blood pressure
- Family history
- History of diabetes during pregnancy

Learn about what you can do at: [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)



## 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.



## 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.

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

December			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
7	Hessie Watts	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	Bob and Cindy Koch  Sandy Halford  Evelyn Rogers
14	Elvin Farquhar	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
21	Bill Parker	Larry and Judy Long	
28	1st - Ali Roth 2nd - Evelyn Rogers	Margene and Elvin Farquhar	

### Please note:

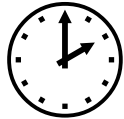
It is your responsibility to switch with someone else on the list if you have a conflict for your appointed week. Thanks.

# November Events

## Youth Mission Team Meeting

There will be a Youth Mission Team meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 3:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be youth only at this time.

## Just a Reminder



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2. Set clocks back one hour.

## Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

Please join our Youth Mission Team on Sunday, Nov. 9th for a Youth Mission Team Dinner. We will be serving grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, cheese potatoes, baked beans, salad and dessert. The cost will be \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for 5 to 10 year olds. 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 Tuesday, November 18th 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.

## Youth Group / Youth Bible Study

Thank you to all of our youth who have been helping with our community projects. 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. Our Youth Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00 in the Chapel.

## Giving Tree

The Outreach Committee is requesting that donations to the Giving Tree through the month of November be made to the Buddy Pack Program currently being implemented at both David Barton and Central Elementary Schools. This program currently serves 150 low income children at David Barton and 75 at Central, and is operated with the help of the Mid-Missouri Food Bank. The children are given backpacks each Friday which contain nutritional snacks and food for the weekend. These snacks are “Kid Friendly” and allow for the children to be able to access them themselves. Suggested snacks include: Granola Bars (or other nutritional snack bars), pop top soups and individual dinners in pop top cans such as macaroni & cheese, etc., fruit cups, pop-tarts, fruit snacks, and juices. Donations through the year to this program can be made directly through the schools, the Mid-Missouri Food Bank, or the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Bank. Please place donations to the Giving Tree under the tree. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Nelson Memorial will be participating in the annual Salvation Army bell ringing activity on Saturday, December 13th at the Boonville Wal-Mart. Twelve volunteers will be needed to work one-hour shifts from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The money gathered will be available to local residents in need. Child volunteers are welcome, but will need an adult present. If you would like to take an hour, please call the church office by Monday, Dec. 5th and Steve will put you on the schedule. Contact Tim Von Engeln at 882-3348 if you have questions.

# United Methodist Women

(continued)

## DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

December 4-Thursday- 11:30 a.m. Carry-in Luncheon  
Unit Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
Kitchen: WESLEY CIRCLE  
Dining Room: MARY MARTHA CIRCLE  
Program: TBA

December 6- Unit Officer Training

NOTE: \*Wesley and Mary Martha Circles will NOT meet this month, December 2008. We will resume again in January 2009 (weather permitting).

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all in our congregational family. May each of you have a wonderful God filled day. Happy Holidays as well!



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

# United Methodist Women

A special thank you goes to all who participated in the Bakeless Bake Sale. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. The amount given to this fundraiser for UMW Missions will be announced at a later date.

Pledges and Thank Offerings were due in October for Mary Martha and Wesley Circles.

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

**WESLEY CIRCLE:** (monthly meeting) November 18  
H: Tina Zeller                      P: Sharon Mellor  
(Election of Officers)

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE:** (monthly meeting) November 20  
H: Iris Campbell                  CH: Faye Robinson  
D: Lucy Farrell                      P: TBA  
(Election of Officers)

## Look what's happening this month of NOVEMBER

\*November 15- Deadline for Circle's Funds to Treasurer, Alta Chipley,  
1117 Jefferson Rd., Boonville, MO 65233

November 6- Thursday- 1:30 p.m. - Unit Meeting  
Fellowship Hall-Dessert  
Hostess: WESLEY CIRCLE  
Installation of Officers  
Program: Mia Gray-Racial Justice

November 7- Friday  
Church Women United World Community Day  
Location: Presbyterian Church, 417 Vine Street, Boonville  
Registration: 1:30 p.m. - Worship Service: 2:00 p.m.  
Representative: Lucy Farrell

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

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>-2-</b>	<b>-9-</b>	<b>-20-</b>
Cheryl Lyon	Debi Comegys	Debi Worley
<b>-3-</b>	<b>-10-</b>	<b>-21-</b>
Wendell Meyer Ben Phelps	Hugh Kirschman Danny Rohrbough	Mary Ellen Gaul
<b>-4-</b>	<b>-11-</b>	<b>-22-</b>
Ruth Slayton Sam Thompson	Betty Humphreys Glenn Langston	Hannah Curnutte Greg Zimmerman
<b>-5-</b>	<b>-13-</b>	<b>-23-</b>
Jennifer Davis	Camie Turner Jim Gann	Viviene Farmer
<b>-6-</b>	<b>-14-</b>	<b>-25-</b>
Greg Silvey	Hannah Christus	Cindy Schreck
<b>-7-</b>	<b>-17-</b>	<b>-29-</b>
Derek Gaul Erica Stephens	Sylvia Remington	Daisha Ganaway
<b>-8-</b>		<b>-30-</b>
Faye Johnmeyer		Gayle Von Engeln

# 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

Ruth Coleman <i>(health)</i>	Gertrude Simmons <i>(health)</i>
Gwyneth Davis <i>(health)</i>	Ann Suddarth <i>(health)</i>
Jean Haller <i>(health)</i>	Charles Whitten <i>(health)</i>
Gloria Mortimer <i>(health)</i>	Opal Wiseman <i>(health)</i>
Alma Remley <i>(health)</i>	Family of Mary Wrenn <i>(grief)</i>

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## 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>	Covenant Church of Gondola, <i>(Mozambique)</i>
Major Jeremy Gettings <i>(attending the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, AL)</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

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