

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

Board of Trustees, Foundation Class

Monday, Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study at Steve Solomon’s

Tuesday, Jan. 6 & 27 at 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men at Bobber Café

Sunday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 a.m.

UMW Executive Meeting in the Lounge

Monday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

All-Committee Planning Session

Monday, Jan. 12 in Fellowship Hall

Carry-in dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class

Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle

Thursday, Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Circle in the Lounge

Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Isaac Watts, 1719

Much has changed in the past 290 years since Watts wrote the words above. Just about every facet our daily life has been drastically changed. We have grown dependent upon everything from internal combustion engines to electronic communication. We look at sentiment like “O God, Our Help in Ages Past,” and dismiss it as belonging to another place and time. Change is woven into the fabric of all our lives today.

So much has changed, even in the past year. For many of us there have been losses. We have suffered the loss of a dear friend or even one of our own family members. In the past year there have been new relationships that have kindled, while others have been broken or damaged. Some of us have faced either loss of our jobs or increased pressure in the ones we have. The economy certainly has not done us any favors, and we worry about the impact on our future, and upon our understanding of security.

But in the midst of all of this there is one thing that remains as solid today as it was at the dawn of time – our God is here for us! This is the good news that the prophets proclaimed. This is the announcement made by angels. This is the story of a God who loved us so much that he sent Jesus into this ever-changing world to show us the way to life, joy, and hope.

I can’t tell you what this year will bring. But I know that whatever comes our way, there is someone who goes before us. May you have a blessed 2009, resting on God’s strength, with the assurance that some things will never change!

■ *Pastor E*

We would like to thank all of you for your cards, gifts, prayers and support this season. It is a blessing to be in ministry with you, and we look forward to another wonderful year together.

Pastor E, Maggie, Ian, Laura & Bobby



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STEWARDSHIP

Nov 16 Nov 23 Nov 30 Dec 7 Dec 14

OF OUR PRESENCE:

Sunday School	76	81	78	83	81
8:00 a.m.	49	30	39	34	37
10:20 a.m.	110	126	102	117	133
Spark!	31	30	30	31	18
Worship Total	190	186	171	182	188

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: 558 558 558 558 559

OF OUR GIFTS:

General Fund	4615.00	2192.25	3271.50	10,717.90	2671.15
Property Improvement	170.00	190.00	375.00	495.50	55.00
Capital Campaign	667.00	260.00	100.00	225.50	-0-



PRISON MINISTRY SUPPORT

In recent years the Prison Outreach team has come to realize that they were not doing enough to support aftercare for men and women returning to our communities. With many members, or Christian Neighbors, as Manny Mill would call them, returning to their homes in the Boonslick area, our Christian commitment is to assist them with their reentry into the community.

With that biblical understanding of our Matthew 25 mandate, several of the men of the church attended a recent "Open Gates, Open Hearts" seminar. This seminar exposed some of our church family to the "Meet me at the Gate" program which allows us the opportunity to selectively meet an ex-offender at the gate and assist him or her with their return home. It is focused on one inmate, one church, one year of intense support to assist with re-entry.

Under the leadership of the Methodist Men, we are looking for additional men of the church who might be interested in supporting this new radical hospitality initiative. In line with Pastor E's September 16th sermon on Matthew 25, "**What Would It Look Like**", please pray about becoming involved in this most important outreach. If you feel led to discover how you might contribute, please call Tom Maxwell at 882-8073, or John Linville at 882-5441.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The outreach committee has had an exciting & busy year and we are looking forward to 2009 with new members. In 2008 we were able to sponsor:

- 4 Blood Drives
- The Giving Tree for Coyote Hills, Bible School, and Buddy Packs
- Luncheon for "Bikers for Christ"
- Rummage Sale for Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Helping Hands, a new subcommittee

All of these were "local missions" and we will continue to support all of them. But, who knows what is next? If you have an idea or would like to join a subcommittee, please contact Sandy Halford 882-3940.

Watch for the February newsletter for more information on other subcommittees.

General Fund Financial Information		
2008	Annual Budget:	248,342.00
	Contributions needed to date:	238,790.38
	Actual contributions through December 14:	253,819.73
	Weekly need:	4,775.81
2009	Annual Budget:	258,707.00
	Weekly need:	4975.13

United Methodist Women

(continued)

Circle meetings will resume this month as well. Our new yearbooks are being put together by Margaret Hopkins, and will be arriving soon. Thanks to everyone who is helping with the organization of the yearbook. WESLEY will meet at the home of Dorothy Bell on January 9th. HESSIE WATTS will provide the Program. MARY MARTHA: TBA

ATTENTION all WOMEN!!!!

We are asking ALL of the women, (who are/were) members of the church; whether it be yourself, your mother, your aunt, your grandmother etc., to put together and compile (your/their) autobiography. We would like to know what "your journey with Christ" has been. Start at the beginning if you would and come full circle to the present. These are for our scrapbook. We want as many as can be written. They should be mailed to ALTA CHIPLEY, 1117 JEFFERSON ROAD, BOONVILLE, MO 65233.

Alta is our church HISTORIAN.

Out of the Quiet....a song
 Out of the Dark....a light
 Out of the heart....a wish
 that your New Year
 be happy, healthy and bright!

Respectfully Submitted,

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.

January			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
4	Tom Maxwell	David and Donna Wrenn	David and Kay Bradley Nancy and Leigh Parker
11	Earl Haller	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	
18	Bob Koch	Larry and Judy Long	
25	Ricky Powell	Tom and Betty Maxwell	

February			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
1	Ben Phelps	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	John Ward Steve Solomon Earl and Karma Haller
8	Mike Maxwell	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	
15	David Wrenn	Bob and Cindy Koch	
22	Paul Davis	Tom and Betty Maxwell	

Please note:

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

January Events

Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

Please join our Youth Mission Team on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 for the next Youth Mission Team Dinner. This dinner has a Mexican Theme and we will be serving Taco Salad, and Mexican Casseroles, Dessert, and Drinks. 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.

Mission Team for Flood Repairs

We are making preliminary plans for an adult mission work team to travel to Cedar Rapids Iowa for the weekend of January 17 to repair houses damaged by the flood of 2008. Our tentative plans are to leave on Friday afternoon, January 16 and return Monday evening, January 19. If you think you might be interested in joining our team, please contact Larry or Judy Long (882-6462) or the church office.

There will be an Iowa Flood Repair Mission Work Team meeting on Sunday, **January 4th** in the lounge after the 2nd morning service. Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcome to attend.

Join Us for Leadership Training

District Leadership Training will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2 p.m. in Columbia, at Community UMC. All church leaders and anyone interested in becoming involved in church leadership are encouraged to go. This year one of the class offerings is **Using the Five Practices to Fulfill Our Mission**. No registration is necessary, and we'll plan to take the church van if enough people are going. Please contact Steve in the church office if you plan to go; or for more information, call Dave Day at 882-8911.

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

A new year has begun! We as United Methodist women, would like to invite all the women of the church, to join either WESLEY or MARY MARTHA circle. We are a community of women, whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

WESLEY circle meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church, unless otherwise announced. (Jan.-May, and then Sept.-Nov.)

MARY MARTHA circle meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. (Jan.-May: then Sept.-Nov.)

Both circles are involved in MISSIONS, thru the District as well as Locally. (Here is a list provided to you, for which we give and support)

LOCAL
Angel Tree
Coats for Kids
"Our" Youth Mission
Ministerial Team Alliance
Food Bank
Christmas Poinsettia's

DISTRICT
Epworth Children's Home
Della Lamb
Bright Future for Youth
Spofford House

*Note that on January 12th at 9:30 a.m. we will hold an Executive meeting, in the church lounge.



Health January

In looking for a health topic for January, I found the 4th-10th is Diet Resolution Week.

Jan. 20th is Rid the World of Fad Diets and Gimmicks Day. Also in January we find National Salt Awareness Day. What do all these have in common? More people start diet and exercise programs now than any other time of year. By "Fad Diet....Day." Many of those same folks have already given up and are ready to check out the next quick fix.

This year, I'd like to challenge to make small changes you can stick with.

Eat breakfast--then skip the doughnuts at work.

Increase your consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Cut back on "white" foods--highly processed foods, those made with white flour, high in sugar. Track the number of calories you eat. Keep a food journal. Learn about portion size. Cut out sodas.

Soon you'll realize the small bag of chips you just ate was meant for 2.5 people!

And what about salt awareness?? Read labels to see how much you are consuming--don't salt as you cook--TASTE your food before you pick up the shaker. Your doctor will thank you!! Let's aim for a healthier 2009----after all, it's God's temple.

Your Parish Nurses

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

I want to thank all from our church who selflessly donated their time and braved the cold on December 13th to bell ring for the Salvation Army. The cost of gas and other rising expenses have definitely put low income families in a pinch. The Salvation Army is the last resort for some families. You might not have known that several of our church members play an active role in the local chapter. Thanks to Ann Hartmann for her overall charge of the bell ringing project in Boonville, Mary Ellen McVicker and all who contributed to the Stable Home project that raised over \$400.00 for the local Salvation Army fund, and Darin Walker for closing the stands each Friday and Saturday evening, as well as picking up and depositing the kettle money.

Tim Von Engeln

BOONSLICK YARN CRAFTERS

The Boonslick Yarn Crafters will be meeting in Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of each month of 2009 except for January when the meeting will be held on January 8, 2009. The Yarn Crafters organized in the summer of 2008 to meet together to knit and/or crochet and to share projects each person is working on as well as to work together on projects to donate. To date, the Crafters have donated 16 kids' sweaters locally or to Guideposts' Knit for Kids, 5 afghans locally, prayer shawls to various individuals or facilities, baby caps for newborn babies, stocking caps and mittens made by one individual for the local schools, Special Olympic scarves.

Ladies AND gentlemen are invited to be a part of this fun group. The meetings are from 6-8 p.m. If you are a beginning knitter/crocheter, please come and join us as we have many in the group who are willing to teach.

If you have any questions, call Nancy Ward at 882-6784.

Safe Sanctuary Training

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The web site needed to complete your paperwork, or complete the certification online, is: www.moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries. Contact 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.

Attention All High School Seniors

The Juanita Scott scholarship application is now available. These applications must be returned to the Church office no later than March 1, 2009. To receive an application, please contact Lucy Farrell at 882-2470, Sandy Halford at 882-3940, or John Ward at 882-6784.

All-Committee Planning Session for 2009

An all-committee planning session for 2009 is scheduled for Monday evening, January 12. If you are serving on a committee in 2009, you're encouraged to attend and help us plan our ministries. There will be a dinner at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for committee members, with meat provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad or other side or dessert. Following the dinner will be breakout sessions for each committee. The meeting will end at approximately 8:30. If you are interested in serving in a ministry area and are not currently doing so, there's a place for you! We welcome your attendance. For more information about the planning session and dinner, including childcare information for the meeting, call Evelyn Rogers at 537-1724.

Coming Soon!

During the Lenten Season, everyone attending Nelson Memorial UMC will have the opportunity to participate in Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations. We will learn about the five practices of fruitful congregations – Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

The Five Practices have transformed the lives of hundreds of churches and thousands of Christian disciples. Signup will be in February for this coming opportunity. Don't miss out.

Nativity Set Mix-up

We have mixed up a nativity set left from our display. It was put in the wrong box and so we need everybody to check their nativity sets and make certain they have the right one--not just the right box, but the right figurines!!! Contact the church office to make the exchange. Thank you

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

Not only does this wonderful organization need food but it also needs willing hands. If you have time to donate they could use you. You are not locked in to working definite hours and go only when you can and as long as you can. There are days to set up and organize the food supplies, unload trucks, unpack boxes etc and there are the distribution times which are three times a month **First Tuesday of the month 7:30 a.m. until 10:30, second Thursday of the month 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 1 p.m. until 4.p.m.** Usually a work day is scheduled the day before each of these distribution days and there are occasional work days other times during the month.

The donated work & distribution location is in the rear of the BDN building. It is not heated or cooled so you need to dress to be comfortable. It is a joyful friendly group of people to work with and a rewarding work. If it not hard work and if you feel it is something you would like to try **call Louise at 882-2341 or Jeanie at 882-8594** or I am also available for first hand experience questions.

Sharon Mellor

660-838-6544

News from the Trustees:

Happy New Year! As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Trustees accomplished several projects in 2008 either in the parsonage or the church. As we look forward to 2009, we have several new projects on the agenda, and we welcome four new Trustees to the committee. The most important project will be to establish an emergency evacuation plan for the sanctuary and Sunday school classrooms. A committee has already been established for this plan, and will start working on those plans in January.

If any of you have any concerns, ideas, suggestions, or thoughts, please let me or another Trustee know.

Happy New Year, and God Bless
Tom Halford, Chairman

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

-1- Dorothy Cook Heather English	-11- Gabrielle Schler Jordan Schler	-21- Alex Breshears
-3- Marnie Rogers	-12- Robert Langlotz	-22- Kimberly Vinson
-4- Marcey Caldwell	-13- Sandy Rohrbough	-23- Noah Rogers Larry Schler Gina Silvey
-6- Tom Halford	-15- Mike Maxwell Marie McClure	-25- Avery Reardon
-7- Christina Koch	-16- Barbara Rainey Kennedy Renfrow Lisa Zaugg	-26- Gwyneth Davis Lorraine Lymer Heather Silvey Barbara Wright
-8- Brad Simmons	-17- Kayla Schmidt	-30- Brittany Gerke Carl Ludlam Elizabeth Vanderhoof
-9- Cindy Thomas	-20- Jack Bell Addyson Reardon	-31- Mary Browning

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

Bill Campbell (<i>health</i>)	Alma Remley (<i>health</i>)
Ruth Coleman (<i>health</i>)	Candice Richerson (<i>health</i>)
Debi Comegys (<i>health</i>)	Gertrude Simmons (<i>health</i>)
Family of Jordan Craig (<i>grief</i>)	Family of Mark Stone (<i>grief</i>)
Jean Haller (<i>health</i>)	Velma Todd (<i>health</i>)
Carl Ludlam (<i>health</i>)	Charles Whitten (<i>health</i>)
Gloria Mortimer (<i>health</i>)	Opal Wiseman (<i>health</i>)

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!