

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, Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Education Committee
Monday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Worship Committee
Monday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study at Steve Solomon’s
Tuesday, Feb. 3 & 24 at 7:00 p.m.

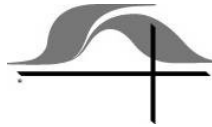
Outreach Committee in the Lounge
Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men at Bobber Café
Sunday, Feb. 8 at 7:00 a.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class
Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 8:00 p.m.

Wesley Circle at Dorothy Bell’s
Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle
Thursday, Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m.



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The task was daunting, but he knew that it must be done. It came in a box on Christmas morning labeled: LEGO SpongeBob Square Pants Good Neighbors at Bikini Bottom Set. The box contained hundreds of little Lego blocks, in all shapes and sizes. These pieces could be put together to make all kinds of wonderful new things. Bobby had been thrilled to open his present, but then the truth of the matter started to sink in. The centerpiece of the set was a huge pineapple shaped house, and it didn’t look easy. So what did Bobby do? He began to seek help.

First he tried asking mom and dad, but we just told him to take it to his room so he wouldn’t lose any of the pieces. Then he looked to his older brothers, but they were already involved in a video game. Then there was only his sister, Laura, and his sister-in-law Kelly. Both Kelly and Laura took turns working with Bob and the Legos, but even they grew weary of the task. Finally Bobby came back to me to once again ask for help. I told him I thought Kelly and Laura were helping him. He told me, “Laura tells me I’m doing a good job, and Kelly says she believes in me.”

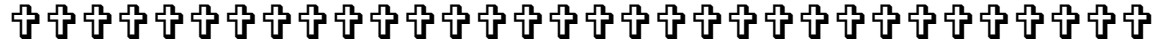
I guess all the encouragement in the world will not build a Lego pineapple. What Bobby was wanting was someone to sit there with him and step-by-step work through the pages of instruction until the job was done. I can understand that. There are times when we all need someone to work with us, showing us step-by-step how to put all the pieces together. Fortunately that’s exactly what we have. Jesus didn’t just promise his disciples a bit of encouragement along the way, he promised that he would not leave them alone. The presence of Christ is a given in the Christian life. It’s more than a good feeling; it is an assurance that we are truly not alone in this.

Together Bobby and I sat and assembled the pineapple house brick-by-brick. It looked great – until he dropped it. But this time it was Bobby who took it upon himself to reconstruct the thing, and he did a good job. Now he’s making all kinds of things with his Legos, not just the things on the cover of the box, but all kinds of contraptions and buildings that only he could dream of. He knows that he is not alone, and if he needs help, it is only a call away.

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Our houses also will crumble. But we can put them back together again. We are not alone. We have someone to show us the way. And what's more, is that with Jesus walking and working with us, we can discover new and exciting new things that we can create together. And help is never more than a call away.

-- Pastor E



STEWARDSHIP

	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	86	101	83	90
8:00 a.m.	30	20	27	34
10:20 a.m.	142	111	139	157
Spark!	n/a	n/a	n/a	33
Worship Total	172	131	166	224
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	558	558	558	558
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	3781.25	8485.52	7492.00	3948.30
Property Improvement	210.00	290.00	365.50	446.00
Capital Campaign	50.00	50.00	50.50	-0-



Flood Recovery Mission

Thirteen work team members returned recently from a three-day weekend of sheet rocking, mudding, sanding, and painting in homes damaged from last summer's floods in Waterloo Iowa. Although the temperatures outside were very cold, we were warmed by hard work and the fellowship that we shared with each other. Even the cold showers did not dissuade us from our mission! We stayed at the wonderful facilities of St. Paul UMC where we prepared our own meals (thanks to Dr. Bob for all the fantastic food!), shared in morning and evening devotions, and were blessed as we worshipped with Pastor Sheryl on Sunday morning. All of these blessings were capped off by the time we were able to spend with our good friends from Pennsylvania who we first met at our earlier mission trips to Mississippi. Members of our team were Larry and Judy Long, Tom and Sandy Halford, Tim Von Engeln and his daughter Melody, Jan DeGraffenreid, Jim and Marsha Stewart, Bob Koch and his mom Charlotte, Bill Salyer, and John Tincher. We hope to be able to share personally some of our experiences with our church body very soon.

Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction or MI)

Symptoms can include:

- Discomfort, pressure, heaviness, or pain in the chest or left arm.
- Fullness, indigestion or choking feeling (may feel like heartburn).
- Discomfort radiating to the back, jaw, throat, or arm.
- Sweating, nausea, vomiting, or dizziness.
- Extreme weakness, anxiety, or shortness of breath.
- Rapid or irregular heartbeats.

Heart attack symptoms usually last 30 minutes or longer and are not relieved by rest or by taking a form of heart medication called nitroglycerin. However, some people have a heart attack without having any symptoms (a "silent" heart attack). A silent heart attack can occur among all people, though it occurs more often among diabetics.

If you think you are having a heart attack, DO NOT DELAY. Call for emergency help (dial 911 in most areas). Quick treatment of a heart attack is very important to lessen the amount of damage to your heart.

Your Parish Nurses

General Fund Financial Information		
2008	Annual Budget:	248,342.00
	Actual contributions through December 31:	244,269.34
	Weekly need:	4,775.81
2009	Annual Budget:	258,707.00
	Contributions needed to date:	9,950.27
	Actual contributions through January 11:	11,440.30
	Weekly need:	4,975.13

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

Please join us on THURSDAY, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. for our "Call to Prayer and Self Denial". It will be followed by a Soup Luncheon. The HOSTESS, will be MARY MARTHA CIRCLE. Our LEADER will be Betty Rainey, Spiritual Growth Coordinator.

February 17: **WESLEY CIRCLE** will meet at the home of Dorothy Bell.
HOSTESS: Ruby McNew, PROGRAM: Margaret Hopkins

February 19: **MARY MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet at the home of Sandy Halford, serving as HOSTESS. CO-HOSTESS: Iris Campbell,
DEVOTION: Claybelle Morris, PROGRAM: Lucy Farrell.

On January 10th, four UMW members attended the Mid-State District Unit Officer Training. It was held at New Horizons UMC in Columbia.

Continue to send your Autobiographies to:

Alta Chipley
1117 Jefferson Road
Boonville, MO 65233

Also, we appreciate your participation in saving the Dave's Country Market receipts, and soup labels. The box is located in the church office.

Need to get rid of some of your plastic grocery bags? You can, by taking them to the "local" Food Bank. It is located in the rear of the Boonville Daily News office. Thanks for your help!



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.

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

March			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
1	Bill Parker	Tim and Gayle Von Engeln	Carol Schenck Karen Kay Bill and Cheryl Salyer
8	Hessie Watts	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	
15	Elvin Farquhar	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
22	Bob Koch	Larry and Judy Long	
29	Ali Roth / 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.

February Events

Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

Please join our Youth Mission Team on Sunday, February 1, 2009 for Souper Bowl Sunday. Not only will the Youth Mission Team provide a wonderful dinner of Soup & Sandwiches but we will also be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for our local food bank. Boxes will be placed in the vestibule, in the east wing hallway, outside the office and in Fellowship Hall to collect the items for the food bank. Dinner includes Soup, Sandwiches, Salad, 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 as we prepare to head to Galveston, TX and help with hurricane relief.

Kid's Hope U.S.A. Valentine Party



When: Friday, February 6th
Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Who: Kid's Hope Kids, Mentors, Prayer partners

COME JOIN US AND HAVE FUN!!!

Writers and Photographers Needed

Our new website, nelsonmemorialumc.org, is up and running, and now we need a little help keeping it up to date. You don't need to know anything about web design or technology; our designer does the technical part. If you like to write and/or take pictures and would like to help us get the word out about all the good things our congregation is doing, please e-mail John Linville at cocomojohn@gmail.com or call Evelyn Rogers at 660-537-1724, or call the church office, 882-6223.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has met for the first time this year and invites your ideas about the worship services. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a communion server, reader of Scripture, give a Children's sermon, musician, greeter, usher or something else you would like to offer during any one of our three services, please call Nancy Ward at 882-6784 or e-mail neward1575@yahoo.com or call the Church office at 882-6223.

There will be information throughout the year about worship experiences other than the 3 regular services, such as Holy Week services and events, summer worship, Advent/Christmas events. If you would be willing to serve on a team to organize and carry out any of these events, please call and put your name on the list.

We are excited and anticipating what God is going to do in 2009!

Grace and joy,
Nancy Ward, Worship Chair

Opportunity Available...

Would you like to teach young children about Jesus? If so, we have an opportunity for you. We are still in need of volunteers for children's church for the months of March, April and May. There must be two adults per month and the curriculum and materials are provided. Children's church is for children ages 5 years old through the 3rd grade. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office (882-6223).

2009 Boonslick Community Prayer Breakfast

This year's Prayer Breakfast will take place at the Knights of Columbus at 7AM on Thursday, 12 February. Due to the notoriety of the speaker the tickets are limited. Our speaker is Mrs. Gracia Burnham who in 2002 was held hostage for a year by terrorist in the Southern Philippines. When she was rescued her husband Martin was shot and killed. Her testimony and expression of faith are riveting. If interested please see Tom Maxwell (882-8073).

Nite of Fine Dining

The United Methodist Men will be hosting the annual Nite of Fine Dining on February 21st, which is the Saturday evening following Valentine's Day. The evening dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. Reservations are \$15.00 each and may be obtained by contacting John Linville at 882-5441 or 660-537-5273 or at church on Sunday's. Babysitting services will be available. Transportation for those needing that service will also be provided. Just let John know that you would like either one of those services when you make reservations. The number of reservations is limited because of the space in the fellowship hall so make your reservations early. Plan to come for great fellowship, fun and a delicious dinner. Thank you for your support.

Safe Sanctuary

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 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.

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.

Trustee's February Update

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. The Trustees have met twice in January and by the time you read this newsletter, you should see some changes in the sanctuary. Several men from the congregation had a work day on Saturday, January 30, to repair many of the pew books holders and other wood trim like work.

There are a couple of families in the church that continues to handle very important responsibilities that have continued for many years. We as a congregation need to recognize these faithful servants. Please say a huge, "THANK YOU", to Carol and Chuck Harris for the many years of service in handling the seasonal changes to the altar, flower arrangements, and most importantly, the Christmas decorations. Secondly, I have heard some on your gracious comments about the updated marquee in front. Take a moment and give another huge, "THANK YOU" to Chuck Harris, who handles this responsibility weekly.

Not to be forgotten, are David and Donna Wrenn for their leadership with the outside Nativity Scene, setup, and costumes. David and Donna have done this, again, for MANY years. Please give them also a huge "THANK YOU", the next time you see them. We often take these acts of compassion/service for our church for granted and go on our way. These are time and thought consuming projects. This is a good lesson for each of us to be more thankful for each person in our Church Family.

I realize there are many other individuals and families that perform important tasks for the church, and I applaud you as the others in the congregation do. Again, Thank You to the Harris' and Wrenn's.

Tom Halford, Chair

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

-1- Dorothy Stuart Mark Wooldridge	-14- Erica Breshears	-22- Dusty Zaugg
-3- Paula Renfrow	-15- Katherine Griesbach Brenda Schmidt	-23- Marilyn Stanaway
-4- Bob Koch	-17- Eric Phelps Carol Schenck	-24- Mike Klusmeyer Mark Mellor
-5- Sandy Farris	-18- Callie Ann Gann Madison Maupin	-25- Chuck Harris Bart Riley
-7- Betty Rainey	-19- Caleb Salyer Steve Solomon	-26- Laura McClaffin Samantha McFatrigh
-8- Kristel Powell	-20- Jan DeGraffenreid Margaret Hankewich	-27- Andrew Davis Rob Vander Linden
-9- Joshua Chrisman Debra Windsor	-21- Diana Durham Kyle Vander Linden Melody Von Engeln	-28- Lloyd Cook David Remington Christine Salyer Louis Suddarth

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 (<i>health</i>)	Family of Dwight Holthusen, Jr. (<i>grief</i>) (Father of Sheri Phillips)
Family of Jordan Craig (<i>grief</i>)	Alma Remley (<i>health</i>)
Jean Haller (<i>health</i>)	Gertrude Simmons (<i>health</i>)
Roy Humphreys (<i>health</i>)	Dorothy Stuart (<i>health</i>)
Carl Ludlam (<i>health</i>)	Family of Velma Todd (<i>grief</i>)
Claybelle Morris (<i>health</i>)	Opal Wiseman (<i>health</i>)
Family of Gloria Mortimer (<i>grief</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