

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

Outreach Committee, Lounge

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

Passionate Worship Planning, F. Hall

Saturday, Apr. 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Trustees, Foundation Class

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

Men’s Bible Study at Steve Solomon’s

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

United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Apr. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class

Wednesday, Apr. 15 at 8:00 p.m.

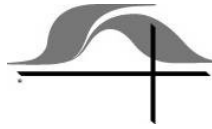
Mary Martha Circle,

Thursday, Apr. 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Circle, Dorothy Bell’s

Tuesday, Apr. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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How do you roll?

It was a beautiful, almost-spring day. Bobby and I were taking advantage of the sunshine with a walk around the neighborhood. Then we came upon it – the perfect hill. When I was a kid I loved hills. When they were snow-covered, I would find my saucer sled and fly down their slopes. But Bobby, like most eight-year-olds, knew that even without snow hills are great to roll down. So, with my permission, Bob fell to his side and began tumbling end-over-end until he made it to the bottom. Then he got up, dusted himself off, and ran back to the top to do it all again. When he got to the bottom this time, he turned to me and shouted, “That’s just how I roll!”

I love the expression. How do you roll? Rolling isn’t about letting gravity guide you down a grassy incline. Rolling is about style. When you show your own individual style to others, you can proclaim to all who will hear, “That’s just how I roll!”

So how do you roll? Some of us are content to not roll very much at all. We find our safety in keeping on level surfaces, never venturing out into new and potentially dangerous territory. Some of us are constantly looking at others to see how we should roll. Our style is determined by those around us. The only problem with that is keeping up with the crowd. After all, we don’t want to be seen as different, or out of touch.

But some of us have found that rare ability to be ourselves. That’s how God intended us to be. We weren’t created to sit tight and scared, and we weren’t created to be carbon copies of each other. We are created in the image of God, and that gives us our own unique style.

That’s the great thing about the church. You can be yourself here. We are all free to be as God created us. Amazingly enough, the church has survived and thrived when we are able to share our unique gifts and graces together.

I may not be like you. I may not look, act, dress, or talk like you do. But like you, I hear the call of Christ to come, as I am, and be the person that I was meant to be. We may even roll down some new hills together, because that’s just how I roll!

-- Pastor E



STEWARDSHIP

Feb 22 Mar 1 Mar 8 Mar 15

OF OUR PRESENCE:

Sunday School	74	94	98	82
8:00 a.m.	30	40	27	29
10:20 a.m.	137	140	152	147
Spark!	34	30	31	28
Worship Total	201	210	210	204

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: 558 558 558 558

OF OUR GIFTS:

General Fund	3383.55	7518.80	4219.25	2339.50
Property Improvement	197.00	424.00	284.50	559.50



General Fund Financial Information	
Annual Budget:	258,707.00
Contributions needed to date:	54,726.48
Actual contributions to date:	52,115.27
Weekly need:	4,975.13

UM Summer Church Camp 2009

Missouri Camping and Retreat Ministries has announced the 2009 United Methodist Summer Camp Schedule. Camps are available for kids aged 5 through 18 years. Parents can register on-line at www.mocamps.org. On-line registration is the preferred method. After completing the online registration, please send a note to the church office indicating the name of each camper along with the camp code number. Participants are verified at the end of camp season for final payment from the church.

As in past years, Nelson Memorial is offering 50% financial support for the church family attending all UM 2009 Summer Camps. An “early bird” price is available when registering **before April 16**. Please take advantage of early bird prices; it will save money for you and the church. Call the church office to obtain the voucher code needed for this saving.

Items Needed for Clover Kids

- ✿ gallon glass jars w/lids (need by end of April and beyond)
- ✿ old buttons all sizes and colors (on going)
- ✿ plastic frosting containers w/ lids (need by mid April, and beyond)
- ✿ sardine &/or oyster cans (on going need)
- ✿ 1# (that are now 11oz) coffee cans (on going need)
- ✿ plastic laundry soap scoops (need by mid April and beyond)

These are items that I use for my Clover Kid projects on a rotating basis and also we are having a fund raiser for 4-H the end of April. Please leave at the church and I will pick up regularly.

I also need a child's forward facing car seat for child 25+ pounds. This is a grandma thing.

Thanks, *Cindy Thomas*
660-366-4879 home phone

United Methodist Women

(continued)

Looking ahead into the month of MAY

WESLEY CIRCLE-(May 19)
 (Covered Dish Fellowship-6:30)
 HOSTESS: Carol Schenck

MARY MARTHA-(May 21)
 HOSTESS: Betty Maxwell
 DEVOTION: Iris Campbell

CO-HOSTESS: Nellie Gingrich
 PROGRAM: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Zeller,
 Communications Coordinator, UMW



The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree for April will be Spofford in Kansas City.
 This is a UMW project that supports children in the Kansas City Area.

FOCUS: "Fun in the Sun"

- 1 piece bathing suit, 4T - 16
- Sunscreen (SPF30) Bug Repellant
- Beach Towels Nerf balls

SPOFFORD | *Changing Children's Lives, Giving Families Hope*

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.

April			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
5	Paul Davis	David and Donna Wrenn	Bob and Cindy Koch
12	Mike Maxwell	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	Sandy Halford
19	1st - Sharon Mellor 2nd- Evelyn Rogers	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	Evelyn Rogers
26	Ben Phelps	Tom and Betty Maxwell	April 19 only: United Methodist Women

May			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
3	Tom Maxwell	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	Youth Group Grades 6 - 12
10	Earl Haller	Larry and Judy Long	
17	David Wrenn	Bob and Cindy Koch	
24	Tim VonEngeln	Chuck and Carol Harris	
31	1st - Sharon Mellor 2nd- Paul Davis	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	

Please note:

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

April Events

Carry the Cross

Carrying the Cross – All are invited to “Carry the Cross” with the Youth Group on Good Friday, April 10th. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and walk across the bridge and up and down Main Street. This was a wonderful experience for us last year and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us. This walk will give you a sense of just a very small part of what Jesus experienced on that day as he was approaching Golgotha.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil at First Christian Church

The children’s book, Inside, Outside, Upside Down, written by Stan and Jan Berenstain, is a short, simple story about Brother Bear and his unique relationship with a box. In sixty-six words and some creative “reading between the lines,” this story illustrates many of our life experiences.

Prayer Vigil 2009, “Inside, Outside, Upside Down,” will provide an opportunity for your personal prayer and reflection. There will be a sign-up sheet during services on 4/5/09 at Nelson Memorial UMC. The hours of 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. have been set aside for us and these are 30 minute increments. Also, if you cannot attend during those times, please write on the sheet what time you could attend and we’ll see if we can make it work!

Open to all possibilities, come and join us on April 10, 2009, in the parlor of the First Christian Church, 301 Fourth Street, Boonville, Missouri.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12th is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the westside church lawn for children ages 1 through 4th grade. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult. This will be held after children's time at the 10:20 a.m. service. After the Egg Hunt we will go down in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. The baskets will be provided. Anyone who wants to donate money or candy can leave it in the 3, 4, 5yr old classroom. If you have any questions, please see me or call: 660-848-2031. God's Blessings, *Nancy Schler*

United Methodist Women

What a busy month March was! Can you believe that it is already April?

Looking at the calendar for this month, I see that we have a special event coming up. April 19 is UMW Sunday. We will observe this at both the EARLY and SECOND Services. The presentation of the Special Recognition Pin will be given at the Second Service. There will be the Sale of Ribbons for Missions, also that morning.

MARY MARTHA- (April 16)

HOSTESS: Margaret Hankewich

DEVOTION: Faye Robinson

CO-HOSTESS: Alta Chipley

PROGRAM: Patty Johnson

WESLEY CIRCLE: (April 21)

HOSTESS: Tina Zeller

PROGRAM: Julie Schupp

2009 MID-STATE CALENDAR INFORMATION

May 2 - Conference Retreat

2009 UMW CALENDAR INFORMATION

May 3 - Senior Recognition Sunday
Recognition of High School/College Graduates
Sale of Muffins for Missions

May 7 - Thursday-11:30 a.m. -Carry-in Luncheon
Unit Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Hostess: WESLEY CIRCLE
Program: Kira Montuori, Director
Community Relation and Development
Spofford, Kansas City, MO
(bring items to donate to Spofford)

Trustee News

You may have noticed we currently have a location in our sanctuary that is readily accessible for people in wheelchairs to enter and use from the ramp entrance. This was made possible by the removal of a pew on the back center of the sanctuary. In addition, we have removed a short pew at the front of the sanctuary on the west side, as you would approach the door to the lounge and the pastor's office, so that wheelchairs may now access all of the education wing from the sanctuary through the west exit of the sanctuary.

Also, some renovation work is underway in the room off of the fellowship hall that is used by our youth group. The room is going to be completely transformed over the next several months into an inviting space for our youth to meet.

Worship Committee News

Wow! Isn't it exciting how many ideas have come out of the "Five Practices for a Fruitful Congregation"? There is quite a lot to process, however, Worship Committee has already been working on some of your suggestions.

First of all: **ARTISTS NEEDED!** If you would like to draw a bulletin cover that could be used on any given Sunday, please draw it in pencil and size it using one of the bulletins on Sunday. The only information we need on the front is the name of the Church, phone number, e-mail address which you can get from a current bulletin. Also, please sign your name. These can be left at the Church office or given to any of the committee members (see below).

Then, if you would like to help with greeting people at any of the 3 services or would like to be involved in the service by reading the Scripture, presenting the Children's Message, providing music for the prelude or Offertory, serving Communion, let one of the committee members know that.

We hope you have gained some insight into Hospitality, Worship, Faith Development, Mission and Service, and Generosity during this study. There are lots of ways to serve and be involved in spreading the Good News about Jesus Christ! Where is God calling you?

(Committee members: David Wrenn, Carol Harris, Brenda Johnmeyer, Judy Powell, Donna Wrenn, Nancy Ward. Ex-officio: Debby Davis, Evelyn Rogers, Bill Parker, Sharon Mellor).

Children's Easter Event

On Saturday, April 11th, from 1:00-3:00pm we will have an Easter event for all children ages 5-10, 3 and 4 year olds are also welcomed but need a parent with them at all times. We will have 5 stations at this event---bible story, craft, song, snack, and activity--then will end with an Easter egg hunt. **We are asking for volunteers to help with this event. We are also asking for donations of plastic Easter eggs and candy, which can be left in the K & 1st grade Sunday School room.** If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Heather Silvey.

Confirmation Class to Begin in April

Confirmation is a time when we take a good look at ourselves, our faith, our church, and make some important decisions. We will be starting a new Confirmation class in April after Easter. Starting April 19th, each class will be held on Sunday at 9:00a.m. If you are in the 6th – 12th grades and have not been confirmed, we would like to invite you to be part of this class. There will be weekly class sessions with the pastor, and activity assignments to do with an adult mentor. It will all culminate with a confirmation service on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. If you are interested, please contact the church office by April 3. If you are an adult who is either Safe Sanctuary certified, or can finish the training this month, and would like to be considered as a mentor, contact the pastor at pastoremcc@yahoo.com or through the church office.

The road to staying well

When it comes to your health, some things are beyond your control. But one thing you can control is whether to see your doctor for routine immunizations and screenings. These visits are important because they promote early detection of illness or disease---In April we encourage you to get involved with the ACS Relay for Life. It's a fun time to raise awareness and funds for screening, research, diagnosis, etc. Mark the date and plan to participate---April 24th---see you there.

Your Parish Nurses

Ice-Skating

The Youth Group, and anyone else who would like to, will be going to the Washington Ice Arena on Sunday, April 19th for an afternoon of Ice-Skating. The session is from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.50 for age 17 & up, \$2.50 for age children plus a \$2.00 skate rental fee. We will leave from the church at 1:00 p.m. After the skating session we will stop at McDonald's to eat and then arrive back at the church between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. If you would like to go, please call the church office and let us know.

Safe Sanctuary

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Tuesday, April 21, 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.

Creation Care Conference

On Saturday April 25th, 2009, the Office of Creative Ministries is sponsoring a day-long conference for any person of faith interested in preserving God's creation. The conference will be held at Community United Methodist Church, 3301 West Broadway, Columbia MO. Pre-Conference events on Friday, April 24th include a Stream Team Clean up at 4:00 p.m. and a concert at 7:00 p.m. Register online at: www.umocm.com/creationcare.htm
\$20 for Adults - \$15 for Students [Registration fees increase after March 31st.]
Child care provided with pre-registration.

Electronics Recycling

Do you have old electronics that need to be recycled? You can make a difference!

On Saturday April 25, the Office of Creative Ministries in Columbia is sponsoring an electronics-recycling event in conjunction with the Show-Me Creation Care Conference. We will collect electronic items in front of Nelson UMC that morning between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Bring your old televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, copiers, phones, cell phones, cameras, printers, fax machines, wire, microwaves, mice, toasters, anything with a cord. This avoids landfill dumping and helps to preserve our environment and earth. For more information, or if you are interested in registering for the conference, contact the church office.

Youth Mission Team Dinners

Please join the Youth Mission Team for a GREAT dinner of Beef Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert on Sunday, April 26th in Fellowship Hall following the 10:20 worship service. We would also like to invite you to a Summer Barbecue and a Silent Auction on Sunday, June 7th in Fellowship Hall following the 10:20 worship service. We will be serving Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Dessert. If anyone would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction, please contact Karma Haller at 660-834-3344. As we approach our departure date on Friday, June 12th we ask that you pray for us, pray for us to be used in a special way that will glorify God. Thank you for your support of the Youth Mission Team. We feel so blessed to be a part of Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

College Graduates

Please contact the church office if you have a College Graduate in your family this spring. We would like to be able to congratulate them during Graduation Sunday in May.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 13 - 17, 2009

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled and will be taking off soon! We have a wonderful curriculum designed and are looking for teachers and helpers. If you are interested in helping, please return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate. Missy Walker, Jennifer Jones or Debbie Maxwell will be calling soon to give you more details.

I AM INTERESTED IN HELPING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- I WOULD LIKE TO BE A TEACHER; designate station below
- I WOULD LIKE TO BE A HELPER
(6th grade and up)
- I WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THE NURSERY
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO CRAFTS
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO MUSIC
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO REFRESHMENTS
- I WOULD LIKE TO DO RECREATION
- I WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE
- I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR KID'S KLUB KIDS.

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING STATIONS:

- 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS
- BIBLE STORYTELLER (tells the Bible story)
- DISCOVERY TIME (reinforces the Bible story)

NAME _____ (Please print)

PHONE NUMBER _____

