

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, May 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Education Committee, Lounge

Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Worship Committee, Foundation Class

Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Witness Committee, Lounge

Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study at Steve Solomon’s

Tuesday, May 5 & 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee, Lounge

Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class

Wednesday, May 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Wesley Circle, Dorothy Bell’s home

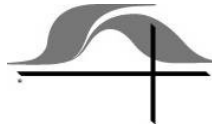
Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle,

Thursday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Staff-Parish Relations, Foundation Class

Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.



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Walking back to the car at the ball game recently the following conversation occurred:

Bobby: Dad, you write a lot about me, don't you?

Dad: Yeah Bob, I guess I do.

Bobby: What are you going to write about me next?

Dad: I don't know. What do you think I should write about?

Bobby: How about Legos?

Dad: I can't write about Legos all the time.

Bobby: What about the SpongeBob Emergency Room set that I got for Easter?

Dad: What about it?

Bobby: Couldn't you write about that?

Dad: Why would I write about that Bob?

Bobby: Because I waited for it, and waited for it, and waited for it, and then finally I got it.

Dad: Well, that's all good, but what did you learn from all of that waiting?

Bobby: Well, I guess it's that sometimes patience is a good thing.

Bobby was right. Sometimes patience is a good thing. There are times when we need to break away from our desire for instant gratification. We need to be able to see the bigger picture and know that good things come to those who wait. I can think of times when a little patience could have saved me a lot of trouble.

But Bobby was also right when he said, “sometimes.” Patience is often something we throw at others to keep them from bothering us. When my kids are begging for my time I cry, “Be patient, I’m busy now!” I’ve found that I can be busy for a long time, and sometimes it is not good to be patient. Sometimes I just need to stop what I’m doing and pay a little well deserved attention to my kids.

Sometimes we need to be patient. But sometimes we need to stop what we are doing, put down our busy-work, and listen to the people who are calling for our attention right now. Some things can't wait. Some things must be done now or they never will get done. How do we know when to be patient, and when we need to act?

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As we grow in faith, we will find our answers. Jesus called his disciples to act at the right time. There were times when they wanted to take action, and he told them to cool it. Then there were times when he needed them, and all they wanted to do was sleep. If we are going to follow Christ in our lives, we need to first and foremost learn to listen. When we listen for God's guidance, when we listen to our kids, when we listen to each other, then we will begin to understand when patience is needed.

Bobby is right. I do like to write about him. But more than that, I love the times when I step away from my busy day and take the time to listen to him on the way back to the car at the ballpark – especially after the Royals win!

-- Pastor E



STEWARDSHIP

	Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12 (Easter)
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	81	97	91	77
8:00 a.m.	30	41	38	96
10:20 a.m.	130	139	123	176
Spark!	25	28	26	20
Worship Total	185	208	187	292
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	559	559	559	559
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	5020.00	3737.00	7689.75	3698.25
Property Improvement	353.00	255.50	483.00	210.00



General Fund Financial Information	
Annual Budget:	258,707.00
Contributions needed to date:	74,627.02
Actual contributions to date:	72,253.45
Weekly need:	4,975.13

FLOWER MINISTRY

Many of you have beautiful flowers in your gardens. If you would like to share God's beauty with those worshipping at our church by placing a bouquet on the altar on Sunday mornings during the summer please contact Sharon Mellor at 660-838-6654 for how to sign up and for the guidelines. The bouquet does need to be tall & fairly sizeable due to the size of our sanctuary. The Worship Committee hopes you will share your bounty with others this summer. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sharon Mellor

Zip-e-D-do-da

Research is showing more and more benefits of this fat-soluble vitamin made by your body with sunshine: Aside from supporting bone health, it may lower the risk of developing MS, Type 1 diabetes, RA, and inflammatory bowel disease. It may also help protect against colon, breast, and prostate cancers. The National Institutes of Health recommends 10-15 minutes of sun exposure at least 2 times/week of the face, arms, hands or back before applying sunscreen to allow time for the body to make vitamin D. You may want to discuss supplements with your doctor, as well, as it's estimated that 40-60% of adults are possibly chronically or seasonally Vitamin D deficient, and the 400 IU in most multi's isn't sufficient to correct that----the ACS (of course), prefers supplementation over sun. Best dietary sources are cooked salmon or mackerel, sardines or tuna in oil, vitamin D-fortified milk.

It might make you feel like singing! *Your Parish Nurses*

Children's Coordinator

Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Boonville, MO, is seeking an energetic and creative individual for a new Children's Ministry staff position.

The individual will be responsible coordinating existing children and youth ministries in the church, as well as developing new opportunities to minister to the children and youth of our church and community. For a job description, including work hours and salary, please contact the church office or visit the church's website. Applications are available from the church office and a resume should be included with completed applications.

www.nelsonmemorialumc.org

Phone: 660-882-6223

United Methodist Women

(continued)

WESLEY CIRCLE- (May 19)

HOSTESS: Carol Schenck

COVERED DISH FELLOWSHIP- 6:30 p.m.

MARY MARTHA- (May 21)

HOSTESS: Betty Maxwell

DEVOTION: Iris Campbell

CO-HOSTESS: Nellie Gingrich

PROGRAM: Patty Johnson

Looking ahead into the month of JUNE

JUNE 5-8 UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SPRINGFIELD

JUNE 13 DISTRICT RETREAT

Now looking further ahead into AUGUST

AUGUST 6 Thursday-9:30a.m.- UMW Executive Meeting

AUGUST 22 Mini-School of Missions

*Note: WESLEY and MARY MARTHA CIRCLES WILL BE TAKING THE SUMMER OFF-OUR MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER-HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!



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.

May			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
3	Tom Maxwell	Tom and Betty Maxwell	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	

June			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
7	Elvin Farquhar	Margene and Elvin Farquhar	Elvin and Margene Farquhar David and Jan DeGraffenreid
14	Bob Koch	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
21	Bill Parker	Larry and Judy Long	
28	1st- Jacque Leonard 2nd- Evelyn Rogers	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	

Please note:

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

May Events

Women's Chat of "THE SHACK" Book Study

Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm

Have you read "The Shack"!!! For anyone who has read or is interested in reading Wm. Paul Young's book "The Shack", we would like to invite you to join us for a period of 10 weeks as we come together as women of faith in the community of Boonville. This is will be an informal discussion of the book which is about the intimacy of our relationship with God, our faith in knowing God is who He says He is, forgiveness and so much more that we will be discussing as we make our way through the book. This is not just for our church, but an outreach to everyone, family, friends and co-workers who would like to be a part of this exciting discussion. Please call Linda Mellor, 888-9434, for more information.

Safe Sanctuary

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Tuesday, May 26th 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.

WE'RE SEEING RED!!

What a wonderful color, RED, to use to celebrate a great day in the Church, Pentecost, and to signify the flame of the Holy Spirit! So we are going to use all the RED we can. Make sure you wear RED to Church; the kids are going to bring in some extra RED and you will just see RED all over the Church that day.

It will also be a RED letter day for our Confirmation Class as they are confirmed that day. And we will all celebrate together in Communion. Plus lots of other special touches to honor the Holy Spirit's work in our lives and in our Church. You do not want to miss May 31, mark it in RED on your calendar!

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

On Sunday, April 19, we presented a recognition pin to a woman in our organization. This year's recipient is, I believe, the youngest member of our unit. I have never known her to miss a meeting of our Wesley circle. She serves as secretary and sends cards to members on their birthdays. She also sends cards to members or their families on many other occasions such as illness or grief. She is the communications coordinator for our UMW unit and provides information about our activities for the monthly newsletter. The recognition pin was presented to Tina Zeller at the 8 o'clock service.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Tina Zeller

for receiving the Special Recognition Pin!!!!

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)

VBS Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information (church use only)

Surfer Group _____

Are parents helping with

BEACH PARTY: SURFIN' THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES VBS? _____

If yes, where? _____

GIVING TREE

Beginning next week, May 3, we will collect items for the Haiti Medical Mission Team. The Team leaves May 13 so we only have 2 Sundays to prepare them! You may just bring the items from the following list without a star: Band-Aids, Triple Antibiotic ointment or cream, Aspirin, Children's Multi-Vitamins, and Disposable Wipes.

FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

The "Five Love Languages" class will be offered on one evening, Wednesday, June 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A nursery will be provided.

Gary Chapman has written this study about how best to express heartfelt commitment to your spouse. It is a fun, interactive evening of learning and growing in your relationship with your mate. Please call the Church office at 882-6223 to sign up by May 24th so we will have enough materials on hand. If you have any questions, call John and Nancy Ward at 882-6784.

Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

Please join our Youth Mission Team on Sunday, June 7, 2009 for our next fund-raising dinner. Dinner includes an old fashioned barbecue meal of Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert, and Drinks. The cost will be \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for 5 to 10 year olds. We will also have a Silent Auction at this dinner. If you would like to donate any item to our Silent Auction, please let Karma Haller know. We have already received some really nice items to put in the auction so please be prepared to bid away! 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.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Every Wednesday throughout the 10 weeks of summer we will be offering a Bible story program for all children in the community ages 3-11 (3-4 year olds must be accompanied by an adult) from 9:30-11:00 a.m. here at Nelson Memorial. We are asking for volunteers to teach and help with this event. Bible Stories and simple lessons will be provided, or you may choose to do your own. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church or if you would like more information please contact Jennifer Jones at 882-6838. Please help us enrich our kids and teach them about the love of Jesus this summer!! The Outreach Committee will also be serving a free lunch for the children from 11:00-12:00 following the Bible Story program.

Administrative Council Update

Now that the Five Practices small group meetings are complete, Ad Council is working with the Five Practices leadership team to plan the “next steps” for Nelson Memorial’s ministries. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether through Sunday school, in a planning group or through your reading of the daily devotions. Many excellent ideas were brought forward to improve or change how we “do church,” and some of them are already being put into action by the ministry teams. We hope you’ve noticed some of these happening in the service, new classes, etc. Other “big, bold” ideas will take a little longer to evaluate and act on. So that we don’t let our ideas get stale, another all-church planning activity is tentatively set for the fall.

OUTREACH

The Outreach committee has been buying gas cards & food cards for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In these economic times it is a small thing to help people "get by". Please consider making a contribution to this fund. This fund also supports the "Helping Hands Program". Soooo, ALL donations are much appreciated!! If you have a need our Helping Hands could help you or would like to serve as a volunteer, please contact Sandy Halford or Larry Long.

Trustee News

Spring is here and that brings spring cleaning. Several of the televisions have been moved out, some church pews in the east wing have been either removed or adjusted to allow wheelchairs access to the hospitality area, new communion pieces have been ordered for our communion services, and construction for the new audio/video has started.

Trustees are looking for several people to assist with the operation of the audio/video system. Extensive training will be provided. Please contact the church office or a member of the Trustees if you are interested in serving on a rotational basis. This will be another great opportunity to provide a service for our church.

We are also currently working on Emergency Evacuation Plans. Anyone interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please contact a trustee.

It is that time of the year again for the selection of a Juanita Scott Scholarship recipient. The scholarship committee has been meeting to determine a recipient and will announce the selection soon. This is a reminder that you have an opportunity to contribute to the Juanita Scott Scholarship Fund.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ whose resurrection we celebrated so joyfully on Easter Sunday! Aren't we thankful as believers that we rejoice EVERY DAY and EVERY SUNDAY in His life?

So many things are going on, but here is the condensed version; if you want the extended version, please join us at the Worship Committee meeting on 5/4 at 7:00 p.m. or call one of the members listed below.

- We would love to have more people involved in the leading of Worship. Please volunteer to read Scripture, give a short testimony, present a Children's Sermon, usher, greet, provide music, serve Communion. Just let one of our team know.
- The candlelighter robes are in disrepair and before we order 3 or 4, we would like to know if you are a seamstress, if you would like to sew these for our Church. Materials will be paid for through the Church. These robes are hanging in the back southwest office, so take a look and see if this is doable. If so, call Nancy Ward at 882-6784 or email at neward1575@yahoo.com.
- Artists are still needed to provide artwork for the bulletin covers. You can use a current bulletin for the estimated size you have to work with. There needs to be room at the bottom for the Church info (see bulletin cover) and please sign your name. These can be left at the Church office or given to any of our team members.

May is going to be a full month of 5 Sundays with a lot going on. Join us as we worship together each time we meet!

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

SPR News

****Greetings from the Staff-Parish Relations committee. We have been busy developing the new position of Children's Ministry Coordinator. This person will be responsible for coordinating children and youth activities in the life of our church. Our plans are to begin interviewing for this position in the next few weeks and for the new position to start by the beginning of July. We are praying that this new direction will bring energy and excitement to children and youth ministries. On another note, we are working on using new terminology for the liaisons. Our role will be to encourage and support staff members and to interpret staff roles to the congregation. Concerns about positions should be addressed to Pastor E. since he is the head of staff. We ask for your prayers as the committee meets to interview for the new ministry position.****

MAY BIRTHDAYS

-2- Ruth Jeffries	-14- Robert Catlett	-23- Jerry Riley
-5- Shelby Curnutte Maryellen McVicker	-15- Lauryn Jones Leona Schmidt	-27- Ricky Powell
-6- Cody Hilgedick Patrick Solomon	-16- Travis Fredrich	-28- Ryan Gettings Sandy Halford
-7- Tanner Comegys	-18- Alta Chipley	-29- Tim VonEngeln
-9- Carolyn Adams	-19- Alan Rohrbough Eli Walker	-30- David DeGraffenreid
-13- Darlene Boehm Ashley Halford John Ward		-31- Wesley Gingrich

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

Judy Bell <i>(health)</i>	Leona Schmidt <i>(health)</i>
Ruth Coleman <i>(health)</i>	Tommy Schnell <i>(health)</i>
Family of Jones Gann <i>(grief)</i>	Family of Marilyn Selck <i>(grief)</i> (Sandy Rohrbough's mother)
Claybelle Morris <i>(health)</i>	Gertrude Simmons <i>(health)</i>
Alma Remley <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>	President of the United States
Aaron VonEngeln <i>(deployed to Afghanistan)</i>	Men & Women of our Armed Forces Leaders of the World

Easter Holy Week Appreciation

To all those, especially Pastor E and those who provided the beautiful music that made the past Holy Week so moving and meaningful thank you. You are all special people and we don't say THANK YOU often enough but this time you just outdid yourselves helping us celebrate our Lord's crucifixion & resurrection. The cross on the wall of hands was a special visual blessing too. Blessings to each & every one of you.