

CHURCH CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services - 8:00 & 10:20 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Children's Bible Story Program - 10:00 a.m.
Youth Group & Youth Bible Study -
6:00 p.m. at Karma Haller's

MEETINGS

Board of Trustees, Foundation Class
Monday, Aug. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Worship Committee, Foundation Class
Monday, Aug. 3 & 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study at Steve Solomon's
Tuesday, Aug. 4 & 25 at 7:00 p.m.

UMW Executive meeting, Lounge
Thursday, Aug. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Aug. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Lay Leadership Committee, Open Door
Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, Open Door
Thursday, Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Education Committee, Lounge
Monday, Aug. 31 at 7:00 p.m.



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Inevitably it happens. The kids move away, they begin their own lives, and then the family expands. Then the next thing that happens is that they drop the grandkids off with you and take off on a fun adventure. That's what we just experienced, except the grandchild in question was a six-month-old miniature Siberian husky named Cerie (a.k.a. Pup Pup.) Ian, my twenty-year-old son, allowed us to spend time with Cerie - a week in fact, while he took off for Georgia with his friends.

During this week-long adventure I learned a few things. First of all, Lego's and Pup Pup don't mix. Bobby had to be vigilant to keep his door closed so his precious toys didn't end up being dog food. I also learned that shoes must taste particularly good, especially Maggie's green sandals. Once Cerie tasted one of them, we had to let her complete the pair. And of course I learned that our cat was not nearly as happy about our houseguest as we were.

If you expect life to go on as you have known it you're in for a big disappointment. Things will come and disrupt even the most iron clad schedules. I've learned that I can either complain about it, spending my time stomping around and feeling sorry for myself; or I can go with the flow, and see where it leads.

God is calling us outside our comfort zones. That requires faith and patience, but mostly it requires a decision on our part. John Ortberg, in a book that we will be studying this fall, suggests the tragedy of looking back at what might have been. I agree. We can't guarantee the future, but we can waste our lives trying to hold on to the past, or even the present. God calls us to move on - to venture out - to try new things - to meet new needs - to take that bold step out of our safe little boats.

I miss the pup. Did she keep me busy? Yes. Did she sometimes make a mess? Yes. Did she get me up at 4 in the morning with a loud squeaking sound she made by dragging her food dish across the kitchen floor. You bet she did! But she also shared the unconditional devotion of a puppy who loved her granddad, and I wouldn't trade that for all the quiet nights in the world! We all need to open up to God's possibilities, and sometimes we just need someone to pull us along (Pup Pup was very good at that!)

Mush!

-- Pastor E



STEWARDSHIP

	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12
OF OUR PRESENCE:		Outdoor		
Sunday School	48	N/A	53	74
8:00 a.m.	33	N/A	26	34
10:20 a.m.	95	113	124	118
Worship Total	128	113	150	152
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	570	570	570	570
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	4323.80	1939.25	8276.44	4247.30
Property Improvement	305.00	176.00	726.00	438.00



General Fund Financial Information	
Annual Budget:	258,707.00
Contributions needed to date:	139,303.77
Actual contributions to date:	133,125.16
Weekly need:	4,975.13



Summer Youth Group

Calling all youth, 6th –12th grade, for Summer Youth Group activities. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for our Summer Gatherings. We meet at the home of Karma & Earl Haller for food, fun and fellowship.

Trustees Update

On July 14, the City of Boonville Planning and Zoning Board met to consider the permit for the new sign for the NMUMC. The board approved the request and we should see the installation of the new sign in mid to late September. On July 15 the congregation voted to continue with the process of purchasing a new parsonage, which is located at 17210 Timberlake Court. Representatives from Citizens Bank and Trust have indicated we should be able to close on the new parsonage about August 14, 2009. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, the cracked basement wall to the Parsonage will be repaired. The drain in the Challengers Sunday School classroom has been opened, and the down spout leading to the sidewalk west of the sign was partly blocked with a screw driver.

New Parsonage

By vote of the 63 members of the congregation present and voting at the Church Conference on Wednesday, July 15th, we will be proceeding with the purchase of a new parsonage. Thank you to the many faithful members who were involved in making this important decision and who voiced their questions and opinions.

In the next several weeks you will receive information on the financing as the details are completed. We will be launching a capital campaign to finance the parsonage purchase. Everyone who is able to give and led to do so is invited to share in this fundraising effort. We request that you prayerfully consider your support of this important step for our church.

Parsonage Capital Campaign

A three year Capital Campaign has been launched to pay for our new church parsonage at 17210 Timberlake Court. To date over \$30,000 has already been received toward the purchase price of \$195,000. Over the next few weeks we will be collecting pledge cards where you indicate your level of giving to the new parsonage. Pledge cards are available at the rear of the sanctuary and ushers would be glad to help you obtain one so that you can make your commitment. There are 3 ways you can give; a one time lump sum or continued payments either weekly or monthly for the 3 year campaign. Simply fill it out the card indicating your method of giving and place it in the offering plate. In addition to your financial commitment we also need your commitment to pray for this campaign. If you have any questions, the members of the Capital Campaign committee are Sharon Mellor, Elvin Farquhar, and Bill Parker.

Congregation-wide Initiative for all adults:

You are invited to go for a walk

The Bible records many instances when God asked people to walk with him. There was the hard walk Abraham took with his son Isaac on the road to Moriah. The liberating walk Moses and the Israelites took through the Red Sea, followed by the frustrating, 40-year walk through the desert. And don't forget Joshua's triumphant walk around Jericho. Or the disciples' illuminating walk to Emmaus. The list goes on.

Perhaps the most unforgettable walk of all was Peter's walk when he stepped out of a boat one stormy night and walked on the water. When Peter went treading on the waves, he was experiencing walking at its finest.

Peter's walk stands as an invitation to everyone who, like him, wants to step out in faith and experience more of the power and presence of God. Water-walking is a picture of doing with God's help what we could never do on our own.

There may be some aspect of your life in which God is calling you to walk with and toward him. During six weeks in September and October, you will learn the skills essential to water-walking: discerning God's call, transcending fear, risking faith, managing failure, and trusting God. When you are through, you, like Peter, will be able to accept God's invitation to go for a "walk on the water."

Signups will be the Sundays of August 30 and September 6. The first session will be Sunday, September 13 on the topic of What's Water Walking? There will be a DVD during the early portion of Sunday School hour, followed by opportunity for discussion in Sunday School classes. Pastor E will be preaching on the same topic at both morning services, as well as the Spark Service. For those adults who are not attending Sunday School, or who miss Sunday morning, there will be sessions offered on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. A participant's guide, If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat, will be provided to all who sign up.

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.

August			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
2	Earl Haller	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	Chuck and Carol Harris Jack and Dorothy Bell
9	Ben Phelps	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
16	David Wrenn	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	
23	Hessie Watts	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
30	1st- Sharon Mellor 2nd- Tom Maxwell	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	

September			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
6	Bill Parker	Bob and Cindy Koch	Mike and Debbie Maxwell Bill and Nancy Parker
13	Bob Koch	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
20	Hessie Watts	Larry and Judy Long	
27	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.

August Events

Youth Mission Team Thank You Dinner and Presentation

Please join us on Sunday, August 2, 2009 for our Youth Mission Team "THANK YOU" Dinner and Program. We will be serving Lasagna and Drinks. As always, we are very blessed to be a part of the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church Family and we Thank You for all of your love, prayers and financial support. If we did not have the support that you, our wonderful church family, provide we would not be able to go into the Mission Field as we do. Our God is an awesome God and we love being able to serve Him as He calls us.

MUSIC CAMP

Singers entering 1st through 8th grades are invited to participate in Music Camp at the First Presbyterian Church at Main and Vine Streets. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7. Participants spend the week rehearsing hymns and choral arrangements and present a closing concert on Friday, August seventh, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mornings begin with large group singing, then the participants are divided into smaller, age-based groups to work on separate songs, work with hand chimes, and learn about other instruments. Prior registration is not required and there is no fee to participate. The primary prerequisite is an enjoyment of praising God through song.

Shut-ins

After the next two Sunday Services, Sharon Mellor for the 8:00 and Judy Powell for the 10:20 will be available to update our current care needs of shut ins, residents in nursing homes, hospitalizations, hospice conditions and other conditions needing the nurturing touch of our congregation. We will meet with anyone seeing these people directly after the 8:00 and 10:20 for a few minutes to update our files. Thank you for your assistance and your care!

KIDS HOPE USA

On August 11th, we will be going to the Knight's of Columbus pool for an evening of swimming and pizza. I believe the children will have a great time at all of these wonderful events.

All Church Float Trip



The Annual All-Church Float Trip on the beautiful Meramec River is planned for Saturday, August 22, 2009. We will leave the church at 6:45 a.m. The cost will be approximately \$35.00 per canoe and lunch supplies (usually around \$3.00 per person and includes hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks.) Our cost always

depends on how many people we have going and the more people we have the less the cost is, so invite your friends and family and make it a great fun day on the river. We will stop and eat supper at a restaurant on the way home. We will be back by 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Karma Haller at 660-834-3344 or David DeGraffenreid at 660-882-2072. This is a great time for enjoying the beauty of God's creation and for lots of fun and fellowship. We would like to have an approximate head count so please sign up in the church office or by calling Karma or David.



All-Church Picnic



The annual all-church swim and picnic hosted by the United Methodist Men will be Monday, August 24 at the Knights of Columbus. Swimming will begin at 4:30 with the dinner at 6:30. The United Methodist Men will be furnishing the meat, drinks and table service. Each one coming to the picnic is asked to bring one or two dishes for the meal. Please put that date on your calendar and plan to come and have a great fellowship with us. See you there!

Care Packages

We will be sending a care package to each of our military representatives on the prayer list in September. Please consider prayerfully what we as a congregation can send to both support, uplift them, and communicate our Christian love to them during this time in each of their circumstances.

We will be randomly asking Sunday School classes to send one package/object to each prayer partner. Any ideas you might have would be greatly appreciated! *Judy Powell*

NURTURE/ EDUCATION/DISCIPLESHIP: (family fellowship events, hospital and shut-ins visitation, Disciple Bible study/special studies, adult Sunday school, small group leader, prayer team, etc.)

OUTREACH/MISSIONS: (Kids Hope USA, prison ministry, international missions, Coats for Kids, food pantry/hunger relief, etc.)

CHILDREN/YOUTH: (Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, special kids' activities, Youth group, etc.)

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE: (Administrative Council, Staff Parish Relations, Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, stewardship campaign, office assistance, etc.)

OTHER INTERESTS or ABILITIES:

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

September 2nd thru October 28th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman

By Beth Moore

Join us in this 9-week interactive study on Wednesday nights **beginning September 2, 2009** as Beth peels back the layers of history and shows how the story of Esther can empower any woman who's ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overwhelming. Esther was a queen, but her life was no fairy tale. Going up against heavyweights bent on her destruction, Esther trusted God and landed a blow that saved her people. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Esther's destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is in your corner.

The study will be 2 hours in length with the assignment discussion the first hour and the video in the last hour. Please sign up by emailing myopenheart@live.com, or contact Linda Mellor 888-9434. Workbook cost is \$15.00 so please sign-up as soon as possible so the books can be ordered.

Disciple Bible Study this fall

Are you interested in deepening your knowledge of the Bible and becoming a more committed disciple of Jesus Christ? One of these may be an opportunity for you. Disciple I is an in-depth 34-week study of the scriptures, giving equal weight to the entire Old and New Testaments. Disciple II is a 32-week study which focuses on the Old Testament books of Genesis and Exodus, and the New Testament books of Luke and Acts. Both Bible studies involve daily scripture reading and a weekly group meeting of 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Offering of either or both of these studies depends on having enough people signed up who can meet together once each week. If you think you might be interested, visit with someone who has recently been involved in the class, including Karma Haller, Evelyn Rogers, Dave Bradley, Sharon Mellor, Dave Day, or Pastor E. Classes would begin in September and conclude in May 2010.

WHERE CAN I HELP?

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

Isaiah 6:8

God is calling us to use our abilities for the church in the year to come. If you aren't currently serving, please join us by helping in the area(s) where you have talents. No matter what your age or experience, we need you! Please return this form to the church office when complete.

Please print your **name** here:

Write your special abilities or interests in one or more of the areas below:

WORSHIP: (liturgist, lay speaker, usher, greeter, communion server, audiovisual, etc.)

MUSIC MINISTRY: (pianist/organist, praise team, choir, children or youth choir, special music, etc.)

EVANGELISM/COMMUNICATION: (Web content, publicity, photography or graphic design, visits to newcomers, Heritage Days/local events, etc.)

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER LIST

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| -1-
Brittany Ditto
Scott Roth | -11-
Rodger Brewen
Wade Davis
Bo Huckabay
Jim Huckabay | -23-
Wiley McVicker |
| -3-
Kyle Chrisman | -14-
Abygale Maupin
Ruth Reiha
Nichole Twenter | -24-
Christine Schmidt |
| -4-
Jessica Brownfield
Mary Somerville | -16-
Ethan Walker | -25-
Charles Whitten
Justin Wood |
| -5-
Roger Farmer
Bryce Page | -17-
Dean Somerville | -26-
Jan DeWeerd
Elvin Farquhar |
| -6-
Dorothy Bell
Roy Humphreys | -18-
Trevor Ditto
Ron Lenz
Meradith Stretz | -27-
Becky Fredrich
Charlotte King
Sheryl Wood |
| -7-
Theresa Hendrix | -19-
Peggy Engle
Wendell Hanson
Helen Jones
Susan Simmons | -28-
Brayden Page |
| -8-
Lucy Farrell | -20-
Leslie Reardon | -29-
Danielle Edwards
Jan Somerville |
| -9-
Courtney Huckabay
Matt Price
Tina Price | | -30-
Susanne Kissane |
| -10-
Brandon Faubion | | -31-
Natasha Windsor |

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

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| Family of Kenneth Carey (<i>grief</i>) | Leona Schmidt (<i>health</i>) |
| Ruth Coleman (<i>health</i>) | Family of Bob Schmittou (<i>grief</i>) |
| Dorothy Cook (<i>health</i>) | Mackenna Schnell (<i>health</i>) |
| Family of Lucy Farrell (<i>grief</i>) | Gertrude Simmons (<i>health</i>) |
| Don Hopkins (<i>health</i>) | |

Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

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| LT senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler
(<i>VAQ-129, NAS Whidbey Island, WA</i>) | Aaron VonEngeln
(<i>deployed to Afghanistan</i>) |
| Major Jeremy Gettings
(<i>Joint Staff Tour Creech AFB, NV</i>) | Covenant Church of Gondola,
(<i>Mozambique</i>) |
| Robert Mike Grissum
(<i>deployed to Iraq</i>) | Mozambique Initiative Leadership
Delegation mission |
| Adam Hartmann
(<i>Basic training for Army Reserves,
Ft. Leonard Wood</i>) | Parsonage Capital Campaign |
| Midshipman Will Parker
(<i>United States Naval Academy,
Annapolis, MD</i>) | President of the United States |
| LCP4 Brad Simmons
(<i>Marine Corp., Camp Pendleton, CA</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!

Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church

August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Youth Mission Team Thank You Dinner- F. Hall after 2nd service	3 Board of Trustees meeting 5:30pm in Fellowship class Worship Committee meeting 7:00pm in Fellowship class	4 Nelson Memorial Delegation leaves for Mozambique Music Bible Study- 7:00pm at Stew Solemnis	5 Children's Bible Story Program- 10:00am	6 UMW Executive Meeting- 9:30am in the Lounge	7	8 United Methodist Men meeting- 8:30am in Fellowship Hall Day/Saou Wedding
		Music Camp- 9:00am - 12:00pm at First Presbyterian Church				
9 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Service at Lakeside 2:00pm by "Wesley" Cooper County Historical Society- 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall	10	11 Kids Hope USA Swim & Pizza Party- 6:00 - 8:00pm at Knights of Columbus	12 Children's Bible Story Program- 10:00am	13	14	15
16 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	17	18	19 Nelson Memorial Delegation returns from Mozambique	20 Scrapbooking Group- 7:00pm at Cindy Koch's White House	21	22 All Church Float Trip- 6:30am meet at church UMW Mini-School of Missions
23 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sarah Koch's Mission Thank You Dinner- F. Hall after 2nd service	24 All Church Picnic- 4:30pm Swim, 6:30pm Dinner at Knights of Columbus	25 Music Bible Study- 7:00pm at Stew Solemnis Lay Leadership Committee- 6:30pm in Open Door class	26	27 Finance Committee meetings- 6:30pm in Open Door class	28	29 Schreck / Bahadri Wedding
30 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	31 Education Committee meeting 7:00pm in the Lounge Worship Committee meeting 7:00pm in Fellowship class					