

## 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

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

Chancel Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.  
Starts Sep. 9

### EVERY SATURDAY

Spark! Contemporary Worship - 5:00 p.m.  
Starts Sep. 12

### MEETINGS

See the **UMW** page for event listings

**Men's Bible Study** at Steve Solomon's  
Tuesday, Sep. 1 & 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Council**, Foundation Class  
Wednesday, Sep. 2 at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sep. 30 at 8:00 p.m.

**Outreach Committee**, Lounge  
Thursday, Sep. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

**Staff-Parish Relations**, Open Door Class  
Thursday, Sep. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Men**, Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, Sep. 12 at 8:30 a.m.

**Board of Trustees**, Foundation Class  
Monday, Sep. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

**Wesley Circle**, Dorothy Bell's home  
Tuesday, Sep. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**Mary Martha Circle**,  
Thursday, Sep. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee**, Open Door Class  
Thursday, Sep. 24 at 6:30 p.m.



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Curiosity killed the cat...

Apparently our cat, Midnight, has avoided this dreaded feline nemesis, because he has remained with us for over twelve years now. I'm always concerned about moves. I know how hard it can be on our children to leave familiar surroundings, adjust to new schools and make new friends. But our moves have also wreaked havoc on Midnight. In our first move, he disappeared in a hole in the wall for almost a week before we could coax him out. In another move, he found his way up under the rafters in the unfinished basement. So naturally we were concerned with him as we pondered our move across town.

The last thing we could possibly want at this time was a new cat. Unfortunately, Black beard had a different idea. Blackbeard is a kitten, who for all intents and purposes looks exactly like Midnight – except he has no white puff under his chin. This past month he began to hang around the old parsonage and loudly made his presence known. I told him, in no uncertain terms, that we had a cat, and that he was barking – or meowing – up the wrong tree! Blackbeard told me that I was mistaken and that he was claiming us as his new family.

I could have let him go his own way, but there was one complication. Blackbeard met Laura. Laura was the one who took Midnight in as a kitten, named him, fed him, and fell in love with him. We told her that if Midnight was still there after we returned from a two-week vacation, she could then keep him. When we returned he was there on our porch. What we didn't know at the time was that Laura had told the girls across the street to feed him while we were gone. Now that Laura was about to return to college, she had no problem befriending another black kitten. She named him Blackbeard due to his lack of a white puff, and his Boonville Pirate heritage. And there we were.

We weren't about to take a new cat to our new home. It would give our old cat a heart attack. But what could we do? Fortunately patience prevailed. Actually, Patience, who is one of Laura's friends from Warrensburg, agreed to take Blackbeard to her home by the college. Patience saved the cat!

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How often are we tempted to give up on difficult situations, or even difficult people? It can be so easy to throw up our hands and say, "I can't do anything about it." But patience, real patience, is a fruit of the Spirit that God give us to bring us through even the most trying circumstances. With God-given patience we can handle our hectic lives and fill them with hope instead of anxiety. With patience we can be more tolerant and understanding of others, even when they hurt us. With patience we can day-by-day become more like Jesus, and live lives free from the tyranny of the urgent.

Patience saves much more than cats, it can save our peace of mind. By the way, Midnight loves his new home, and he is so thankful that he didn't have to share it with Black beard.

- Pastor E



**STEWARDSHIP**

	Jul 19	Jul 26	Aug 2	Aug 9
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	72	64	74	57
8:00 a.m.	40	28	34	37
10:20 a.m.	121	124	149	109
Worship Total	161	152	183	146
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	569	569	567	566
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	6929.11	3632.00	7998.06	3629.25
Property Improvement	206.00	242.00	380.00	251.00
Capital Campaign	29,076.00	2115.00	3290.00	1338.02



<b>General Fund Financial Information</b>	
Annual Budget:	258,707.00
Contributions needed to date:	159,204.31
Actual contributions to date:	150,466.19
Weekly need:	4,975.13

**Volunteers Needed**

We are reorganizing our children's Sunday school classes using The Workshop Rotation Model and we need volunteers to help teach for one month at a time. If you have a special gift or interest in things such as science, cooking, drama, games, music and would be willing to share this with children for one hour on Sunday mornings for a month then please contact Jennifer Jones at 882-6838 or [jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net), or pick up a handout in the back of church, or visit [www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org) for more information.

**Annual Rummage Sale**

The Outreach Committee is having a rummage sale this fall on October 2 & 3. Please start collecting your treasures and stay tuned for more information.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE REQUEST**

Due to the more technical nature of our new audio visual system, we would kindly request that if you are going to be singing with accompaniment CD, or if you have pictures or announcements you want to present on the screen, or anything else that will need to be run through the booth, please contact Matt Price at 537-9790 or e-mail him at [astrofeline@yahoo.com](mailto:astrofeline@yahoo.com) by Wednesday 5:00 p.m. This will give our technicians time to get everything ready for Sunday morning and will greatly enhance our worship time. Thank you.

**Tutoring Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for volunteers to tutor kids in Reading and Math, in grades K-5th, for one hour, one to two days a week. If you would be interested in this please contact Jennifer Jones at 882-6838 or [jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net).

## Trustees Update

The new parsonage open house was visited by many members of the congregation on Sunday, August 16. Pastor E and family were moved to the new parsonage on rainy Monday, August 17. The move was conducted by Trustees and members of the Central Methodist University baseball team. Concrete has been poured to replace the sidewalk and area between the parsonage and church.

## 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.

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	David Wrenn	Larry and Judy Long	
27	1st- Ali Roth 2nd- Evelyn Rogers	Margene and Elvin Farquhar	

October			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
4	Elvin Farquhar	David and Donna Wrenn	Carol Schenck
11	Paul Davis	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	Karen Kay
18	Ben Phelps	Bob and Cindy Koch	Patty Johnson
25	Mike Maxwell	Tom and Betty Maxwell	Missy Walker

### Please note:

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

# September Events

## LITURGIST TRAINING

Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary will be liturgist training for anyone interested in being a Liturgist on Sunday mornings; also, we are asking all current Liturgists to attend since there are a few updates since we've added the audiovisual equipment. We will have coffee available and snacks afterwards. The training will last 30-60 minutes. Please plan to come and join in this ministry for our Church.

## CALLING ALL SINGING BEES

If you like to sing then we would like to have you join our new children's choir--The Singing Bees. We will practice every Sunday morning between 10:00 and 10:20 a.m. upstairs in the 2nd and 3rd grade classroom. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Jones at 882-6838 or [jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferjones4307@sbcglobal.net). Hope to HEAR you soon!

## *The Spark!*

### **Contemporary Worship will return on Saturday September 12th**

Yes, you read correctly - we are moving The Spark! time to Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. beginning on September 12th. The band will be back with Kathy at the keyboard, and a brand new video system. We look forward to a great time of praise and worship together this fall.

## **Safe Sanctuary**

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Saturday, September 26 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](http://www.moumethodist.org/safesanctuaries). Contact [SSanctuaries@moumethodist.org](mailto: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.

## **Thank You**

Thanks to all the people of Nelson Memorial who have made our new parsonage a reality! Thanks to the Trustees, the Parsonage Search team, the Capital Campaign Committee, and to the many others who spent so much time and effort on this project. Thanks to all the people who worked at the new parsonage, cleaning, gardening, and decorating before the open house. Thanks to all those who brought food and gifts, and helped us make the move. And especially, thank-you for your vision and your commitment to ministry at Nelson!

*Pastor E, Maggie, Bobby & Laura*

## **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.

## **2009-2010 Youth Group**

We are gearing up for another exciting year in the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Youth Group. All youth, 6th grade through 12th grade, are invited to join us on Sunday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for some great times with biblical study, fun, fellowship and food. We will also be involved in helping with special projects when needed, and a monthly activity for a change of pace. Please join us for the 1st Youth Group gathering on Sunday, Aug. 30th at Karma & Earl Haller's. Bring your ideas on what you would like to see and do in "Youth Group 2009-2010." If you have any questions, please call Karma Haller at 660-823-3344 or 660-537-3061.

# U.M.W.

## United Methodist Women

The end of summer is quickly approaching. Sure doesn't feel like it yet, with the hot temperatures we have been experiencing! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy their summer and are anxious and ready to resume our Circle meetings, and business that we have on the calendar.

### 2009 UMW Unit Calendar

September 3- Thursday- 11:30 a.m.- Carry in Luncheon  
Unit Meeting- Fellowship Hall  
Kitchen: Wesley Circle Dining Room: Mary Martha Circle  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Carol Schenck, Nominations Chair)

### 2009 Mid-State Calendar

September 12- Fall Mid-State District Meeting

### WESLEY AND MARY MARTHA CIRCLES RESUME!

(Please join us!)

September 15- WESLEY CIRCLE H: Nell Smoot P: Sharon Mellor  
September 17- MARY MARTHA CIRCLE H: Patty Johnson CH: Ada Gingrich  
D: Arlene Winn P: Betty Rainey

Please be reminded of the following dates:

September 12- Fall District and Fall Mid-State District Meeting

September 26- UMW Annual Conference in Poplar Bluff

## United Methodist Women

(continued)

### UPCOMING FOR OCTOBER

\*\* BAKELESS BAKE SALE- Donations due during the month of OCTOBER \*\*

October 1- Unit Officer Reports Due to DORIS DACE, District Secretary  
October 11- Sunday- Children's Sabbath Service  
Puppetry Presentation  
October 29- Thursday- 1:30 p.m. -Unit Meeting  
Fellowship Hall- Dessert  
Hostess: Mary Martha Circle  
Installation of Officers and Program  
Leader: Sharon Mellor, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

### October Circle Meetings

October 15- MARY MARTHA CIRCLE H: Faye Robinson CH: ClayBelle Morris  
D: Betty Maxwell P: Alta Chipley  
October 20- WESLEY CIRCLE H: Hessie Watts P: Tina Zeller



Respectfully Submitted,

*Tina Zeller,*  
Communications Coordinator, UMW

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>-1-</b>	<b>-12-</b>	<b>-20-</b>
Grady Kay	Charisse Earhart	Bobby Joe Kempf
<b>-3-</b>	<b>-15-</b>	<b>-22-</b>
Jason Comegys Kellen Kempf	Justin Farmer Jasmine Price	Patty Johnson
<b>-4-</b>	<b>-16-</b>	<b>-24-</b>
Glenda Curnutte Rev. Elmer McClafin	David Wrenn	Keith Caldwell Gina Fuemmeler Carol Hutchison
<b>-5-</b>	<b>-17-</b>	<b>-27-</b>
Paige Renfrow Preston Renfrow Glenda Spotts	Bobby Williams	Anna Kay Maggie Long Cyle Silvey
<b>-8-</b>	<b>-18-</b>	<b>-30-</b>
Jonathan Klusmeyer	Cindy Koch Heather Schreck	Frances Bradley Cheryl Huckabay
<b>-9-</b>	<b>-19-</b>	
Jeremy Gettings	Casey Francis Phoebe Rogers	

# 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

Gu-Ree Beam <i>(health)</i>	Family of Bob Schmittou <i>(grief)</i>
Ruth Coleman <i>(health)</i>	Mackenna Schnell <i>(health)</i>
Karen (Schnell) Korte <i>(health)</i>	William Schnell <i>(health)</i>
Bonnie Rogers <i>(health)</i>	Gertrude Simmons <i>(health)</i>
Leona Schmidt <i>(health)</i>	Family of Lilla Sullins <i>(grief)</i>

## Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

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>	Parsonage Capital Campaign
Midshipman Will Parker <i>(United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD)</i>	
LCPI Cory Schmidt <i>(Cherry Point, NC)</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!