

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.

MEETINGS

See the **UMW** page for event listings

Board of Trustees, Foundation Class
Monday, Jan. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Worship Committee, Foundation Class
Monday, Jan. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee, Lounge
Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Jan. 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Education Committee, Lounge
Monday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class
Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 8:00 p.m.

UMW Executive Meeting, Lounge
Thursday, Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Martha Circle
Thursday, Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Circle, Dorothy Bell's home
Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7:00 p.m.



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A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
- Isaac Watts

It took all day, but somehow Bobby had rolled up enough snow to complete his first snowman of the season – Tim. But soon after completing his work, and topping off Tim with a big red hat, I looked out on the front yard and discovered that disaster had struck. Tim lay motionless on the cold ground. It was apparent that he would never rise again. I was worried about Bobby's reaction, but before I had time to think of a way to lessen the blow, Bobby had already seen it.

Bobby looked back at me and smiled. He said, "Look! Tim's on his back. He's making snow angels!" I never know how the world will look through Bob's eyes, and he continually surprises me with his insight.

As you may know, this Christmas we have had some serious concerns. Laura has gone through a number of tests in the past three weeks. We still don't know exactly what we're dealing with. It seems like every time we rule out one thing, we have about a dozen more things to worry about. And still through it all, with a great deal of support and prayers, Laura has continued to be hopeful, and we continue to seek answers.

And yet Christmas was good this year. All the kids made it home, and we had a great time together. I even found an old copy of a computer game in the garage that Steve and Ian had been looking all over for. Ian claimed that I saved Christmas. Bobby got a DSi so he can now make his own animated cartoons. Laura took pictures with her new camera. Steve and Kelly challenged us all at Wii Bowling. And Ian's dog and our cat got along relatively well – kept at a good distance from each other.

The psalmist in Psalm 90 inspired the words of Isaac Watts by reminding us all that no matter how good or bad we think things may be, God gets the big picture. The things that worry us will pass. The things that keep us up at night will run their course. Even the situations that completely frustrate us will not last forever. From God's vantage point the trying times are but a passing moment. That's good news for us. But it is also a challenge.



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The things that we cherish – the times with our families – the special moments of laughter and love – the look in a child’s eye on Christmas morning – these things too shall pass. The ages roll on, and we can either cherish the moments we have as we live them, or wait until they are but memories. This year my prayer is that I will make the most of the time God gives me. Through the good and bad I hope that I can catch just a hint of that divine perspective, and know that in all things God is working for the good, and God will safely bring us through. In other words, I’d like to see things like God sees them. It’s a tall order, but not impossible. In fact I think Bobby’s already half-way there.

— Pastor E



STEWARDSHIP

	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	77	75	66	94
8:00 a.m.	31	35	58	36
10:20 a.m.	123	123	132	171
Worship Total	154	158	190	207
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	563	563	562	562
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	3611.38	5143.00	5822.23	8015.93
Property Improvement	205.00	175.00	260.00	767.00
Capital Campaign	575.00	865.00	1489.00	1535.00



“This flu season is different.”

The holiday season has arrived and families are busy preparing for their annual celebrations. It’s also the time when flu germs can spread. February is the peak of the flu season in Missouri.

The H1N1 flu vaccine is free and now available for everyone. Go get it now. The vaccine provides the best protection against the flu for you and your loved ones.

For questions about the flu and the vaccine to prevent it, call toll-free, 24 hours a day.

1-877-FLU-4141 or 1-877-358-4141



In addition to getting an H1N1 flu shot:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow, not your bare hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick, especially if you have a fever. Remain at home until 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Check with your local health department or go to www.dhss.mo.gov/missouriflu/_provider_listing.html to find a flu clinic near you. Get the facts and get vaccinated.

General Fund Financial Information		
2009	Annual Budget:	258,707.00
	Contributions needed to date:	248,756.73
	Actual contributions through December 13:	233,721.47
	Weekly need:	4,975.13
2010	Annual Budget:	274,717.00
	Weekly need:	5,283.02

A message from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and your local health department.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

I want to thank all from our church who donated time on December 19th to bell ring for the Salvation Army. As you know, economic conditions have put a crimp on many families. The Salvation Army can be the last resort for needy families. Let me also recognize and thank those from our church who play an ongoing role in support of the Salvation Army. Ann Hartmann oversees the entire bell ringing project in Boonville. You can imagine how many phone calls are involved! Mary Ellen McVicker forged, and has continued the Stable Home project, which each year donates all proceeds to the Salvation Army. Several people assist in setting up hundreds of manger scenes. Darin Walker closes the bell ringing stands each Friday and Saturday evening, depositing kettle money.

Tim Von Engeln

Report on Stable Home & Living Nativity

Thanks to all who loaned their Nativity Sets for the "Stable Home" project for the Salvation Army. There was \$334.75 in donations, all of which was given to the local Salvation Army chapter. The Living Nativity had good attendance as well. What a great way to share Christmas with the Boonville community!

Humor: We might also mention that we were on the Jay Leno Show where he showed Christmas bloopers. Shown was a picture of our empty stable from the local newspaper. Jay said something about budget cuts impacted everything including even Living Nativities. He thought we could have had at least a goat! Anybody admit they sent this photo to him?

The Salvation Army of Cooper County would like to say thank you so very much for the generous donation. And it will help lots of needy families.

Sincerely yours,
Verena McKinney, Treasurer

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.

January			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
3	Mike Maxwell	David and Donna Wrenn	David and Jan DeGraffenreid Nancy and Leigh Parker
10	Elvin Farquhar	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	
17	Ben Phelps	Tom and Betty Maxwell	
24	Paul Davis	Larry and Judy Long	
31	Ricky Powell	Elvin and Margene Farquhar	

February			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
7	Earl Haller	Bob and Cindy Koch	John Ward Ricky Powell Earl and Karma Haller
14	David Wrenn	Elvin and Margene Farquhar	
21	Tom Maxwell	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	
28	1st- Sharon Mellor 2nd- Tim VonEngeln	Larry and Judy Long	

Please note:

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

January Events

Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

Please join our Youth Mission Team on Sunday, January 3, 2010 for the next Youth Mission Team Dinner. We will be serving Lasagna, Salad, Green Beans and Dessert. 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.

Soup 'n Spuds Dinner

Early morning on January 16, thirteen adult "missionaries" from our church body will be leaving for a week of reconstruction ministry in the city of New Orleans. We are all very excited to continue the repair of houses which were damaged by hurricane Katrina that hit this city in August 2005. We also look forward to sharing the love of Christ to those in need. Yes - even after all these years, there is STILL much work to be done in the "Big Easy"!

On Sunday, January 10, we will be having a "Soup 'n Spuds" dinner to help fund this mission trip. The dinner will begin after the 10:20am worship service, and you are invited to join us. The meal is free, but free-will donations will be very much appreciated. See you then Ya All!!!!

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, 2010. To receive an application, please contact Lucy Farrell at 882-2470, Sandy Halford at 882-3940, or John Ward at 882-6784.

Mid-State District Leadership Training Event

WHEN: January 17, 2010

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 201 Monroe, Jefferson City

2:30pm: Gathering 3:00pm: Opening 4:15pm: Break-out Sessions
Radical Hospitality & Passionate Worship Sherry Habben
Intentional Faith Development Karen Alden / Molly Moore
Risk-Taking Mission and Service Audrey Phelps / Jeff Baker
Extravagant Generosity Kendall Waller
Pastor (Staff) Parish Relations Committee Elmer Revelle
5:30pm: Depart for Home

Safe Sanctuary Training

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 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.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Please join the Youth Mission Team for our next fundraising dinner on Sunday, Feb. 7th, "Souper Bowl Sunday." We will be serving Homemade Soups, Sandwiches, Fresh Vegetables and Dessert. Warm up for the Super Bowl with a great lunch. \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 5 to 12 and free for those under 5. Thank you so much for the support that is shown to us so consistently through your love, prayers and monetary contributions. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

Wow, 2010...the starting of a New Year and the opportunity to join one of our circle groups. Our Executive Committee President is Hessie Watts; Vice-President is Margaret Hopkins; Secretary is Ada Gingrich; Treasurer is Alta Chipley; Secretary Program Resources is Faye Robinson; Communications Coordinator is Tina Zeller. Mission Coordinators are Spiritual Growth, Betty Rainey; Membership, Nurture & Outreach, Sharon Mellor; Church Women United Representative, Lucy Farrell; Historian, Alta Chipley; Nominating Committee- Class 2010, Ruby McNew. Circle Chairs: WESLEY- Nell Smoot; MARY MARTHA- Iris Campbell

Wesley Circle has a membership of 15 ladies currently. (With room to expand!) They meet once a month, in the evening at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Bell (unless otherwise announced) They meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. (Jan.-May, and Sept.-Nov.) January meeting will be held on the 26th. (weather permitting)

****NOTE**** Wesley Circle is changing TUESDAY'S!!!!

They will meet the 4th Tuesday beginning in January !!!

(Please bring your Bible...just as it is, for the Program)

Mary Martha Circle has a membership of 26 ladies currently. (With room to expand!) They meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. (unless otherwise announced. Jan.-May, and Sept.-Nov) and at the home of the Hostess for that month) January meeting will be held on the 21st. (weather permitting)

We are a community of women, whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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United Methodist Women

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Both circles are involved in MISSIONS, thru the District-as well as Locally. (Here is a list provided to you, for which we give and support)

DISTRICT

Epworth Children's Home
Della Lamb
Bright Future for Youth
Spofford House

LOCAL

Angel Tree
Coats for Kids
"Our" Youth Mission
Food Bank
Christmas Baskets

Our new Yearbooks are in the works and we will be receiving them in the coming months. Thanks to Margaret Hopkins and everyone else who helps with this effort for all the work that they do to get these put together for us.

This New Year,
may you hear the God of peace
Whisper quietly,
"I am with you always."



Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Zeller; Communications Coordinator

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

-1- Dorothy Cook Heather English	-11- Gabrielle Schler Jordan Schler	-22- Kimberly Vinson
-3- Marnie Rogers	-12- Robert Langlotz	-23- Noah Rogers Larry Schler Gina Silvey
-4- Marcey Caldwell	-13- Sandy Rohrbough	-25- Avery Reardon
-6- Tom Halford	-15- Mike Maxwell Marie McClure	-26- Gwyneth Davis Lorraine Lymer Heather Silvey Barbara Wright
-7- Christina Koch	-16- Kristen Finders Barbara Rainey	-30- Brittany Gerke Carl Ludlam Elizabeth Vanderhoof
-8- Brad Simmons	-17- Kayla Schmidt	-31- Mary Browning
-9- Cindy Thomas	-20- Jack Bell Addyson Reardon	

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 Peters (<i>health</i>)	Gertrude Simmons (<i>health</i>)
Mackenna Schnell (<i>health</i>)	John Sweeney (<i>health</i>) (Pastor E's brother-in-law)

Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

Sgt. Aaron Edman (<i>Father of KHUSA child deployed to Afghanistan</i>)	LCPL Brad Simmons (<i>deployed to Iraq</i>)
LT senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler (<i>VAQ-129, NAS Whidbey Island, WA</i>)	Aaron VonEngeln (<i>deployed to Afghanistan</i>)
Sgt. Timothy Gallagher (<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>returned to the States from Iraq</i>)	
Midshipman Will Parker (<i>United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD</i>)	
Sgt. Samuel Ross (<i>Father of KHUSA child deployed to Iraq</i>)	President of the United States Men & Women of our Armed Forces Leaders of the World
LCPL Cory Schmidt (<i>Cherry Point, NC</i>)	

Please help us update the Birthday List by notifying the Church office if your name is missing. Thank you!