

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 - 6:00 p.m.

(Spark! starts Feb. 21)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Chancel Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

(No Choir Practice Feb. 17)

MEETINGS

See the UMW page for event listings

Board of Trustees, Foundation Class

Monday, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Worship Committee, Foundation Class

Monday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee, Open Door

Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, Foundation Class

Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 8:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Feb. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

Education Committee, Lounge

Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle

Thursday, Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Circle, Dorothy Bell's home

Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m.



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I like this month. The days are getting longer. We have missed most of the snow lately. And the other day Bobby and I spied the first robins of spring – although they looked a bit cold. But one day in this month has always held special importance to me – Groundhog’s Day. Now don’t get me wrong. I like Valentine’s Day and President’s day but Groundhog’s Day – besides being one of my favorite movies – holds a special place in my heart. It was my dad’s birthday.

Dad has been gone for a few years now, but I still get the urge to call him up on February 2. At least I still feel like I should be purchasing a card – somewhere between the silly joke cards and the tried-and-true cards with pictures of deer, pheasant, or perhaps fishing tackle on the front. But that time has past, and today I simply thank God for having such a great dad in my life.

The other day I was rifling through the glove compartment in the Ford looking for who knows what – and I found it. It was a white paper bag with a single card inside – the type of bag that they put greeting cards in at the store so they won’t get mixed in with the rest of your purchase. I opened it up and my heart sank.

Last summer Maggie traveled back and forth to Pensacola so many times that we lost count. Her dad’s health had been deteriorating quickly, and she wanted to spend as much time as she could with him, before he finally passed away in the fall. Last June, right about the time that Laura was returning from Camp Quality, and Maggie and I were returning from Annual Conference, Maggie had given me instructions to go to the store and buy a card.

But before I could get it home, label it and send it off, she had to take off once again for Florida to be with her dad. The card had remained for about six months in the same bag in the same glove compartment. When I pulled it out and began to see what it was, I noticed that the front cover read, “Happy Father’s Day Dad.”

Some cards are never sent, and can never be sent. Some words that are not spoken can never be spoken. Days wasted, self-absorbed, worrying about things that don’t really matter, can never be reclaimed.

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Don't miss the opportunities that are given you. They are precious. God has blessed us with so many of them – from a robin shared with your son – to a moment of appreciation shared with your dad. Happy birthday Dad, I miss you, and I thank God for every chance you took to make my world a better place to be.

— *Pastor E*



STEWARDSHIP

	Dec 20	Dec 27	Jan 3	Jan 10
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	73	50	83	84
8:00 a.m.	42	17	24	27
10:20 a.m.	151	60	102	121
Worship Total	193	77	126	148
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	561	561	561	561
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	3144.68	5273.00	5429.00	4916.05
Property Improvement	180.00	142.00	65.00	180.00
Capital Campaign	270.00	235.00	2063.00	495.00



Blood Pressure Check

The Parish Nurses are available to check your Blood Pressure whenever you see one of us---we will no longer be set up in the East wing on the first Sunday of each month. Please talk to one of us if you have Blood pressure concerns. We hope by being more flexible we can meet more of your needs on any Sunday or every Sunday if needed. Judy Long is officially joining us. If anyone has any particular requests please see one of us.


Jan DeGraffenreid 882-2072
 Sandy Halford 882-3940
 Judy Long 882-6462

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.

World Day of Prayer

“Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God”

 The “World Day of Prayer” Service, sponsored by Church Women United will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church on Friday, March 5, 2010. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. Worship Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. Lucy Farrell is the representative.

Spaghetti Dinner

Please join the Youth Mission Team for our March Fundraising Dinner on March 7, 2010 in Fellowship Hall following our 10:20 Worship Service. We will be serving Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 5 to 12, and free for those under 5. We are so blessed with being a part of this wonderful church family who supports us so lovingly. Thank you so much.

General Fund Financial Information	
2009	Annual Budget: 258,707.00
	Actual contributions through December 31: 242,067.98
2010	Annual Budget: 274,717.00
	Contributions needed to date: 10,566.04
	Actual contributions through January 10: 10,345.05
	Weekly need: 5,283.02

THE CROSS

The cross on the altar has been in our Church for many years. It was recently polished and lacquered to help keep its beauty for many more years to come. Maryellen McVicker researched some information about the name that is found on the cross plaque "Ed W. Pfaffenberger" who was a minister of the German Methodist Church in Boonville which closed when WWI caused so much prejudice. Rev. Pfaffenberger died in 1921 so we are assuming the cross dates back to that time. We are not sure how the cross ended up in our Church but we suppose that the Pfaffenbergers started attending church here when the German Methodist Church closed.

Thank you, Trustees and Sharon Mellor, for all the work you did to preserve this part of our church's heritage and history.

Haiti Earthquake: How to Help

There will be a great need for volunteers to help rebuild once the initial crisis has settled. At this time, it is not safe or possible for volunteers to go to Haiti. People wishing to volunteer should contact their jurisdictional United Methodist Volunteers in Mission coordinator to determine when and how to appropriately respond.

Gifts to support UMCOR's Haiti relief efforts can be made online at Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325:

<http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=418325&id=3018760>

Checks can be placed in the offering plate at a local United Methodist church or mailed to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087 with "Advance #418325" in the memo line. 100% of gifts will go to help the people of Haiti.

UMCOR Sager Brown is coordinating a shipment of health kits to provide individuals with basic necessities. Instructions for assembling and shipping health kits are available at:

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/>

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.

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- Ali Roth 2nd- Tim VonEngeln	Larry and Judy Long	

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7	Bob Koch	Tom and Betty Maxwell	Carol Schenck Karen Kay Bill and Cheryl Salyer
14	Bill Parker	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	
21	Hessie Watts	Bob and Cindy Koch	
28	1st- Ali Roth 2nd- Evelyn Rogers	Elvin and Margene 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.

February Events

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.

2010 Boonslick Community Prayer Breakfast

This year's Boonslick Community Prayer Breakfast will take place at the Knights of Columbus at 7AM on Thursday, 11 February. We are blessed this year to have one of our very own, BG Larry Kay, as our speaker. Larry will talk about his Missouri National Guard experience in Kosovo. If interested contact Tom Maxwell at 882-8073, or David Wrenn at 882-5261.

Safe Sanctuary Training

For those who still need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification, we will have a training session on Tuesday, February 16, 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.

Fireproof your Marriage

Please join us for a 6 week study entitled "Fireproof Your Marriage." This study follows the guidelines set up in the recent popular movie "Fireproof." This is an excellent biblically based study that will teach you how to enhance and encourage the support that you give your spouse and your marriage in many different ways. Fireproof Your Marriage will be led by Karma & Earl Haller and be offered on Thursday evenings starting on Feb. 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A nursery will be available. If you are interested, please let the office know at 882-6223 so we will know how many books to order.

Haitian Dinner

On Sunday February 28 after the 10:40a worship service, there will be a Haitian dinner to raise funds to help repair the devastation resulting from the recent earthquakes. We will be serving several Haitian dishes, and as you eat you will be able to listen to Haitian music, watch a PowerPoint show of our members during the several Haiti mission trips, and browse examples of art-work made by people of Haiti. The cost of the dinner will be a free-will offering. Please join us – we promise not to serve Mud Cookies! Copies of the recipes of the delicious soups served at the recent Soup and Spuds New Orleans Fund Raiser will also be available for a donation.

“FORTY DAYS OF LOVE” BY RICK WARREN Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, February 28

“What is your #1 goal in life?”

“Your answer to that question will reveal your dominant life value. Everyone has one. It's what we unconsciously base our decisions on. God tells us that love is to be our dominant life value. In fact, Jesus once said that of all the commands in the Bible only two are most important. Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Quote from Saddleback.com)

Bob & Cindy Koch will be leading this six-week focus on those two commands beginning February 28 at 4:00 p.m. in the Open Door classroom. Please contact Bob or Cindy if you are interested in attending.

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United Methodist Women

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LEADER: Hessie Watts

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H: Alta Chipley CH: Faye Robinson
D: Lucy Farrell P: TBA

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<p>-1- Dorothy Stuart Mark Wooldridge</p> <p>-4- Bob Koch</p> <p>-5- Carolyn Edwards Sandy Farris</p> <p>-7- Betty Rainey</p> <p>-8- Kristel Powell</p> <p>-9- Joshua Chrisman Debra Windsor</p> <p>-11- Cheryl Salyer</p>	<p>-14- Erica Breshears</p> <p>-15- Katherine Greisbach</p> <p>-17- Eric Phelps Carol Schenck</p> <p>-18- Callie Ann Gann Madison Maupin</p> <p>-19- Caleb Salyer</p> <p>-20- Jan DeGraffenreid Margaret Hankewich</p> <p>-21- Diana Durham Kyle Vander Linden Melody Von Engeln</p>	<p>-22- Dusty Zaugg</p> <p>-23- Marilyn Stanaway</p> <p>-24- Mike Klusmeyer Mark Mellor</p> <p>-25- Chuck Harris Bart Riley</p> <p>-26- Laura McClaflin</p> <p>-27- Andrew Davis Debbie Stevenson Rob Vander Linden</p> <p>-28- Lloyd Cook David Remington Christine Salyer</p>
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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

Family of David Hester (<i>grief</i>)	Family of Gertrude Simmons (<i>grief</i>)
Judy Peters (<i>health</i>)	Gayle VonEngeln (<i>health</i>)
Mackenna Schnell (<i>health</i>)	

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
LCPL Cory Schmidt <i>(Cherry Point, NC)</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!