

## 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.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

Chancel Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

### MEETINGS

See the UMW page for event listings

**Worship Committee**, Foundation Class  
Monday, Mar. 1 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Trustees**, Foundation Class  
Monday, Mar. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

**Education Committee**, Lounge  
Monday, Mar. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

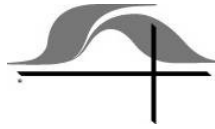
**Outreach Committee**, Open Door  
Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Council**, Open Door  
Wednesday, Mar. 10 at 8:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Men**, Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, Mar. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

**Mary Martha Circle**  
Thursday, Mar. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

**Wesley Circle**, Dorothy Bell's home  
Tuesday, Mar. 23 at 7:00 p.m.



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Steve Hendrix, Editor

As you may know my son Ian has a Miniature American Eskimo dog named Cerie. He also has a habit of leaving the tiny snow dog with her grandparents – Maggie and me – when he has to go on a music trip. The dog has been with us so many times that she considers our house a home away from home. The cat tolerates her. Maggie and I love her. Even Bobby loves to play with her. So the last time she was with us, I let Bobby take Cerie out for a walk.

Bobby didn't have much experience with dogs, so I filled him in on the basics. I showed him how to clip the leash on her collar. I told him to hold on with both hands, because Cerie loves to run. And then we opened the front door and they stepped out onto the snowy yard.

As I mentioned before – Cerie is every bit a snow dog – and she loves every chance she gets to play in the snow. I am used to it, and I let her run, dig and even wallow in the banks of snow as we walk together. I outweigh Cerie by a significant amount, and when I pull back on the leash she has no choice but to stop. But when Bobby took the reigns it was a different story.

Cerie bolted out across the snow, pulling Bobby along like a rookie driver at the Iditarod race. Bob pulled back, but he was no match for *White Fang* and the momentum she created. The dog literally pulled Bobby all the way to the neighbor's house, where I finally caught up and brought her back under control.

Sometimes life is like that. Things pull us in all different directions, and it feels like we are out of control. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by the momentum created by the urgencies and emergencies of our daily life. What can we do?

What Bobby needed was some bigger and stronger hand to take hold of the reigns. With my help he was no longer pulled here and there. He could walk along and share the leash with me and things would go much better. We need to realize that we cannot handle life by ourselves. We need that bigger and stronger hand to intervene and bring things back under control.

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It is hard for some of us to admit. We feel like we should be able to handle the load whether it is our family, our health, our finances or even our spiritual life. The good news is that God is willing and able to step in when we are being pulled the hardest, and give us just what we need. Jesus said that when we let him take over then our burden becomes light. That means that no matter how hard life pulls at us, we can not only stand our ground, but we can move forward in the right direction.

— Pastor E



**STEWARDSHIP**

	Jan 17	Jan 24	Jan 31	Feb 7	Feb 14
OF OUR PRESENCE:					
Sunday School	76	74	74	79	67
8:00 a.m.	22	37	28	22	51
10:20 a.m.	114	135	125	140	81
Worship Total	136	172	153	162	132
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	561	560	560	560	560
OF OUR GIFTS:					
General Fund	4217.00	2981.00	5846.72	6116.00	2784.46
Property Improvement	150.00	100.00	150.00	195.00	140.00
Capital Campaign	445.00	420.00	770.00	1578.00	485.00



<b>General Fund Financial Information</b>	
Annual Budget:	274,717.00
Contributions needed to date:	36,981.13
Actual contributions to date:	32,289.15
Weekly need:	5,283.02

**Easter Egg Hunt**

There will be an Easter egg hunt during the 10:20 am service on Easter Sunday. We have plenty of plastic eggs, but are in need of candy / and or money. Can leave in my Sunday Class room (3 and 4 year old) or see me at church.

God's Blessings, *Nancy Schler*

Thank you

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the calls, cards, food, thoughts, prayers and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. I have not totally recovered yet, but close to 95%. The strength of prayer is unbelievable, and I greatly appreciate being a recipient of your prayers. Again, thank you, and in God's Love, Sandy and Tom Halford.

**College Graduates**

Please contact the church office if you have a College Graduate in your family this spring. We would like to be able to congratulate them during Graduation Sunday in May.



# United Methodist Women

## 2010 UMW CALENDAR

March 5- Friday- Church Women United World Day of Prayer  
 Location: SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
 Registration: 1:30 p.m.- Worship Service- 2:00 p.m.  
 Representative: Lucy Farrell / Sharon Mellor

March 11- Thursday- 9:30 a.m.- UMW Executive Meeting

## 2010 MID-STATE CALENDAR

March 2-3- Legislative Event, Registration- 9:00 a.m., First UMC- Jefferson City  
 "STREAMS OF JUSTICE, SEEDS OF HOPE"

MARY MARTHA	CIRCLE MEETINGS	WESLEY
<u>March 18</u>		<u>March 23</u>
H: Margaret Hankewich	CH: Ada Gingrich	H: Tina Zeller
D: Patty Johnson	P: Lucy Farrell	P: Linda Mellor
(VOTE FOR RECIPIENT OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION PIN)		

## LOOKING INTO THE MONTH OF APRIL

April 10- Spring Mid-State District Meeting  
 Trinity UMC, Moberly, MO

April 15- MARY MARTHA CIRCLE  
 H: Sandy Halford CH: Iris Campbell  
 D: Ada Gingrich P: Theresa Hendrix

April 18- UMW Sunday- Observed at Early and Second Services  
 Presentation of the Special Recognition Pin, Sale of Ribbons for Mission

April 27- WESLEY CIRCLE  
 H: Zoe Tucker P: Sharon Mellor

April 30- MAY 2  
 UMW Assembly 2010, St. Louis

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.

March			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
7	Bob Koch	Tom and Betty Maxwell	Carol Schenck
14	Bill Parker	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	
21	Hessie Watts	Bob and Cindy Koch	Karen Kay
28	1st- Ali Roth 2nd- Evelyn Rogers	Elvin and Margene Farquhar	Bill and Cheryl Salyer

April			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
4	Paul Davis	David and Donna Wrenn	Bob and Cindy Koch
11	Mike Maxwell	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	
18	Ben Phelps	Tom and Betty Maxwell	Sandy Halford
25	Elvin Farquhar	Larry and Judy Long	Evelyn Rogers


### Please note:

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

# March Events

## 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.

## Staff-Parish Relations

The staff-parish relations committee is made up of nine church members elected at the annual fall Church Conference to liaison between our pastor, paid staff and congregation. Some of the primary responsibilities of the committee are to encourage and support the staff and pastor, promote unity among the congregation and assess how effective we all are in ministry and mission. SPRC members for 2010 are: Evelyn Rogers (chair), Sandy Halford, Marsha Kempf, John Linville, Gayle Livingston, Kim Phelps, Leslie Reardon, Darin Walker, Laura Wax. In 2010, SPRC is making prayer a priority. Please pray for our staff and pastor. We meet every Communion Sunday for prayer after one of the regular services (**following the 8:00 a.m. service on March 7**). If you have questions or comments for SPRC, please call Evelyn at 537-1724.

## 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.

## Family Easter Event

We would like to invite all children and their families to join us on Good Friday, April 2nd, at 7:00 pm to celebrate the gift of Easter. We will meet on the front lawn to hear the Easter story, participate in several activities in fellowship hall, and end with an egg hunt. We hope to see you there!

## Confirmation Class for Teens and Adults

We will be starting a new Confirmation class in April after Easter. If you are in the 6th – 12th grades and have not been confirmed, we would like to invite you to be part of this class. But this year there is something new. Adults who are interested in membership in the United Methodist Church, or those who just want to learn more about our church, are invited to join the weekly class sessions with the pastor each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. For the youth there will also be activity assignments to do with an adult mentor. It will all culminate with a confirmation service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. If you are interested, please contact the church office by April 2. If you are an adult who is either Safe Sanctuary certified, or can finish the training this month, and would like to be considered as a mentor, contact the pastor at [pastoremcc@yahoo.com](mailto:pastoremcc@yahoo.com) or through the church office.

## UM Summer Church Camp 2010

Missouri Camping and Retreat Ministries has announced the 2010 United Methodist Summer Camp Schedule. Camps are available for kids aged 5 through 18 years. Parents can register on-line at [www.mocamps.org](http://www.mocamps.org). After completing the online registration, please send a note to the church office indicating the name of each camper along with the camp code number. Participants are verified at the end of camp season for final payment from the church.

As in past years, Nelson Memorial is offering 50% financial support for the church family attending all UM 2010 Summer Camps. An “early bird” price is available when registering **before April 16**. Please take advantage of early bird prices; it will save money for you and the church. Call the church office to obtain the voucher code needed for this saving.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<b>-2-</b> Dakota Meyer	<b>-12-</b> Jo Parker Tina Zeller	<b>-22-</b> Christopher Thomas
<b>-5-</b> Leigh Parker	<b>-13-</b> Stephanie Carey Brad Schreck	<b>-23-</b> Todd McVicker
<b>-6-</b> Jennifer Jones Andrea Klusmeyer	<b>-16-</b> Karen Day	<b>-24-</b> Dennis Huff
<b>-7-</b> Donna Linville John Linville Hessie Watts	<b>-17-</b> Kaitlyn Gebhard	<b>-26-</b> Alyssa Brownfield Leah Schmidt
<b>-8-</b> Audrey Phelps	<b>-19-</b> Brooke Halford Jackie McCollom Jeremy Wood Donna Wrenn	<b>-27-</b> Chris Phelps
<b>-9-</b> Dusty Rohrbough	<b>-20-</b> Judy Powell	<b>-30-</b> Pat Reardon
<b>-10-</b> Misty Langston	<b>-21-</b> Katarina Alexander Cathy Gochenour	<b>-31-</b> Angie Zaugg

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

Diane Dilse ( <i>health</i> )	Mackenna Schnell ( <i>health</i> )
John Linville ( <i>health</i> )	Nell Smoot ( <i>health</i> )
Judy Peters ( <i>health</i> )	Gayle VonEngeln ( <i>health</i> )

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

David Cartner [Grandson of Helen Taylor] ( <i>Deployed to Afghanistan</i> )	LCPL Cory Schmidt ( <i>Cherry Point, NC</i> )
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> )	Covenant Church of Gondola, ( <i>Mozambique</i> )
Major Jeremy Gettings ( <i>Joint Staff Tour Creech AFB, NV</i> )	Haiti Earthquake Victims & Emergency Workers
Robert Mike Grissum ( <i>returned to the States from Iraq</i> )	
Midshipman Will Parker ( <i>United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD</i> )	President of the United States Men & Women of our Armed Forces Leaders of the World
Sgt. Samuel Ross ( <i>Father of KHUSA child deployed to Iraq</i> )	