

CHURCH CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services - 8:00 & 10:20 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Youth Group - 4:00 to 6:00 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

Board of Trustees, Open Door
Monday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Worship Committee, Foundation
Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee, Open Door
Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Education Committee, Lounge
Monday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, Open Door
Wednesday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m.

Finance Committee, Open Door
Monday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Circle, Carl Schenck's home
Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

May



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There are two things you need to try on a beautiful spring day – sitting in the sunshine and blowing bubbles. But my old lawn chairs were shot. So I went to the store and found the perfect replacement – two big white plastic Adirondacks chairs and a small plastic table to put between them. I carefully balanced them on a shopping cart, and headed to the cashier.

I was excited at my purchase as I pushed the lawn furniture out to the car. I opened the trunk, lifted the chairs, and then discovered – they would not fit. Unlike my old chairs the new ones would not fold up, nor would they even bend so I could smooch them in. I tried the back seat and then the front seat. Even with the car seats in full recline, the chairs wouldn't fit. Finally I had to set them up in my open trunk, upside down, and held in only by gravity and a small piece of rope.

The chairs did make it home safely, and at last I could sit in the sunshine. Then Bobby came out with a bottle of soap bubbles. He began to blow the bubbles, and the wind was just right to carry them up and over the roof. We watched as bubbles of all sizes traveled their strange courses in the wind – some landing on the ground, others on Maggie and me, and some never landed at all.

Bobby asked me how bubbles were formed. I racked my brain and told him it had to do with the surface tension. If I had time to look it up I could have gone on to tell him about spheres, the properties of soap, and something called the Marangoni effect. But I realized that there was something even more amazing in the bubbles.

Unlike my chairs and their rigid structure, bubbles are good travelers. First of all there is that surface tension – it keeps the bubble together, and it spreads around to support even the weakest parts of the bubble. Then there is the lightness. Filled with air, the bubble is able to achieve flight. And of course with the bubbles there is a sense of joy that only a kid can truly experience.

Sometimes we feel like the chairs. We stubbornly refuse to bend or be flexible in any way. And sometimes it's pretty difficult to move us (maybe we need a rope.) But when we allow the wind of God's Spirit to fill our lives, and our church, then we become bubbles. We gather strength from each other, sharing the load and supporting the weakest parts. We don't weigh ourselves down with things that aren't important – possessions – selfish ambition – old resentments. And like bubbles, there is a true sense of joy in our lives.

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As you can imagine, the bubble bottle did get spilled on the new furniture, and soon Bobby tired of his blowing. But those bubbles reminded me how Christ invites us to come as children, trusting, loving, and expecting great things of our lives and the lives of others. It is then that God can move us to new and exciting things as we float on together. We grow up, and we face new challenges. We develop routines and take on responsibilities along the way. But I hope that I will never get too old or too jaded to enjoy sitting in the sunshine and watching the bubbles float by.

— Pastor E



STEWARDSHIP

	Mar 21	Mar 28	Easter Apr 4	Apr 11
OF OUR PRESENCE:				
Sunday School	64	86	81	77
8:00 a.m.	25	35	79	37
10:20 a.m.	100	167	163	123
Worship Total	125	202	242	160
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	562	562	562	562
OF OUR GIFTS:				
General Fund	2042.87	4016.00	9143.50	2698.11
Property Improvement	625.00	645.00	464.00	320.00
Capital Campaign	145.00	1283.00	1310.00	345.00



General Fund Financial Information	
Annual Budget:	274,717.00
Contributions needed to date:	79,245.29
Actual contributions to date:	68,154.40
Weekly need:	5,283.02

Heritage Days Information Booth

We will have a booth at the Heritage Day’s celebration this year. John Linville has the sign-up sheet for manning the booth. To get your favorite hours, see John Linville or call 600-530-8286 or email at cocomojohn@gmail.com. It will also be at the 10:20 worship service, the spark service, and the 8:00 when possible.

Summer Small Group Study Coming in June

The Good and Beautiful God, Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows, by James Bryan Smith, is a book that helps us look at how we live and how we can grow spiritually as we let the Lord work in our lives. Nine chapters in nine weeks, are designed for a group book study and discussion an hour each week. At the end of each chapter, you’ll find an opportunity for soul training, engaging in spiritual practices that reinforce the Biblical messages on your mind and heart. Dave and Karen Day will lead the study from 7 to 8 pm on Wednesday evenings beginning June 2. Call Steve at the church office if you are interested or contact Dave or Karen at 882-8911 for more information.

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. 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. Call the church office to obtain the voucher code needed for this saving.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
407 E. SPRING STREET
BOONVILLE, MO 65233**

JULY 12 - 16, 2010 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

VBS is open to all children who will be **3 years old by July 1st** up through those who have completed the **5th grade**. 3 & 4 year old children must be accompanied to and from class by a parent or guardian. Please fill out and return in the offering plate or to the church office as soon as possible, but no later than **June 28th**.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

GRADE JUST COMPLETED: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL: _____

THIS CHILD HAS MY PERMISSION TO GO ON ANY FIELD TRIP SPONSORED BY VBS.



SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Tell your kids to invite a friend
(extra registration forms are available at the church)

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.

May			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
2	Ricky Powell	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
9	Mike Maxwell	Bob and Cindy Koch	
16	Earl Haller	Elvin and Margene Farquhar	
23	David Wrenn <small>WEAR RED ON PENTECOST SUNDAY!</small>	Tim and Gayle VonEngeln	
30	1st-Sharon Mellor 2nd-Tim VonEngeln	Larry and Judy Long	

June			
Date	Liturgist	Prayer Family	Ushers & Greeters
6	Jan DeGraffenreid	Tom and Betty Maxwell	Elvin and Margene Farquhar David and Jan DeGraffenreid
13	Bill Parker	David and Jan DeGraffenreid	
20	Bob Koch	Bob and Cindy Koch	
27	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.

United Methodist Women

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LOOKING AHEAD INTO THE MONTH OF JUNE

- JUNE 4-7 UMC Assembly 2010
- JUNE 19 District Retreat
Prairie Home UMC
- JULY 29-AUG. 1 School of Missions
Central Methodist University
Fayette, MO
- AUGUST 5 Thursday- 9:30 a.m. -UMW Executive Meeting
- AUGUST 28 Mini-School of Missions
Location _____ (TBA)



Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Zeller, Communications Coordinator, UMW

May Events

Youth Mission Team “Cinco de Mayo”

Come and celebrate “Cinco de Mayo” with the Youth Mission Team on Sunday, May 2nd. We will be serving Mexican Casseroles, Taco Salad, and Tacos along with Dessert in Fellowship Hall following the 10:20 Worship Service. Thank you so much for your loving support and prayers for this important mission.

Youth Mission Team Fundraiser

If you are in need of some fantastic smelling candles for Mother’s Day or Graduation gifts, please see one of the Youth Mission Team members in the next few weeks. We will be selling candles as a fundraiser until May 4th. Orders will be in by graduation. Thank you for all of support and prayers.

BLOOD DRIVE

Date: May 16

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

- ♥ Please bring identification, such as, your blood donor card, driver’s license, etc.
- ♥ Cholesterol testing will be performed on all blood donors.
- ♥ All blood donations through Community Blood Center benefit local hospital patients.
- ♥ Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation.

WEAR RED ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23!

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Our Extravagant Generosity offering on the 5th Sunday in May, May 30, will be designated for the Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) agency in Cooper County. CMCA is an agency in the state of Missouri that is charged with fighting poverty. It provides a gamut of services that focus on distributing resources as well as education and training to support economic security. In Cooper County, there is the local Head Start program as well as a Family Resource Center that offers a variety of services to individuals and families. Based on the federal poverty level for a family of four being \$22,050 yearly, 13.5% of the population in Cooper County falls below that level.

There are several ways you can contribute on an ongoing basis to CMCA. We will have resources available in May for you to find out more about this wonderful agency. If you would like more information before then you can contact Kristin Finders at Kristin-Finders@ShowMeAction.org or visit their website at www.ShowMeAction.org.

Thanks...

Thank you to the Outreach committee and other volunteers who helped mail 8 packages to our servicemen oversea: David Cartner, SGt. Timothy Gallagher, Sgt. Samuel Ross and Aaron VonEngeln.

They mailed the many donated objects that were brought in, from Frisbees and crossword puzzles to snack packs of Chef Boyardee and pudding! I am sure the servicemen will enjoy receiving them!

U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

Congratulations go to Sharon Mellor as the recipient of the Special Recognition Pin!!
Thank you Sharon for all that you do for us and the church!!

2010 UMW CALENDAR

May 6- Thursday- 1:30 p.m. - Dessert

Unit Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Hostess: Mary Martha Circle

Program: JORENE HOWARD

Domestic Violence Shelter

Donations for the Shelter (List to be provided)

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Mary Martha Circle

May 20 at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

H: Betty Maxwell CH: Nellie Gingrich

D: Iris Campbell P: _____

Wesley Circle

May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Home of Carol Schenck

2010 MID-STATE CALENDAR

April 30-May 2-

UMW Assembly 2010

ST. LOUIS, MO

MAY BIRTHDAYS

-5-

Shelby Curnutte
Maryellen McVicker

-15-

Lauryn Jones
Leona Schmidt

-27-

Ricky Powell

-6-

Cody Hilgedick
Patrick Solomon

-16-

Travis Fredrich
Amber Price

-28-

Ryan Gettings
Sandy Halford

-7-

Tanner Comegys

-18-

Alta Chipley

-29-

Tim VonEngeln

-9-

Carolyn Adams

-19-

Alan Rohrbough
Eli Walker

-30-

David DeGraffenreid

-13-

Darlene Boehm
Ashley Halford
John Ward

-23-

Jerry Riley

-31-

Wesley Gingrich

Wear Red on
Pentecost
Sunday, May 23

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 (*health*)

Gayle VonEngeln (*health*)

Mackenna Schnell (*health*)

Pastor E and the staff of Nelson UMC

Kevin Trimble (*health*)

Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

David Cartner [Son of Helen Taylor]
(*Deployed to Afghanistan*)

Sgt. Samuel Ross
(*Father of KHUSA child deployed to Iraq*)

LT senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler
(*VAQ-129, NAS Whidbey Island, WA*)

LCPL Cory Schmidt
(*Cherry Point, NC*)

Sgt. Timothy Gallagher
(*Deployed to Afghanistan*)

Aaron VonEngeln
(*Deployed to Afghanistan*)

Major Jeremy Gettings
(*Joint Staff Tour Creech AFB, NV*)

Covenant Church of Gondola,
(*Mozambique*)

Robert Mike Grissum
(*Stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood*)

Midshipman Will Parker
(*United States Naval Academy,
Annapolis, MD*)

President of the United States
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!

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