

The Messenger - March 2018

Nelson Memorial
United Methodist Church
Boonville, MO 65233



World Day of Prayer March 2



The World Day of Prayer program, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held at Nelson Memorial UMC Friday, March 2, 2 PM in the sanctuary. Registration begins at 1:30 PM, and refreshments will follow the program. All persons are welcome to attend.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good!" or as it is said in Surinam, "A heri grontapu di Gado meki bun doro, dóro!" The program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname, based on Genesis 1:1-31. As in the beginning, God created from chaos. But everything that was created found its place in creation. All were related to each other – the earth with the light, the waters with the sky, the tree seeds with the living creatures, and the humankind with God. None could exist without the other, and the source of all was God. There was goodness in that integrated system of relationships. But essential to that was the commitment to care.

Daylight Saving Time March 11 – "Spring Forward"



Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of setting the clocks forward 1 hour from standard time in the spring months, and back again in the fall, in order to make better use of natural daylight. While it officially begins at 2 AM Sunday morning (losing an hour as we move our clocks to 3 AM), most will want to set their clocks forward before going to bed on Saturday, March 10, so that they can be at Sunday School and worship on time!

St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner March 11



Our Outreach Committee will be serving a corned beef and cabbage dinner after worship Sunday, March 11, in honor of St. Patrick's Day (March 17). The free-will offering goes to support the many outreach ministries in our community.

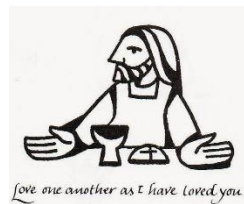
Special Holy Week Worship Opportunities

The Lenten Season brings with it several opportunities for special worship services and gatherings. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**, March 25. There will be an Egg Hunt and Carry-in Dinner after the morning worship services. Watch for more information about what to bring to the dinner in your weekly email newsletters.



The **Boonslick Ministerial Alliance service**, which will be Tuesday, March 27, 7 PM at the Morgan Street Baptist Church. Pastors and laity from several area churches will be leading the service.

Our **Maundy Thursday** service will be held March 29, 7 PM, in the sanctuary. We will be taking a "first person" witness approach, with the disciples sharing their reflections on the ministry they had shared with Jesus and what brought them to this point where Jesus was betrayed, arrested and crucified. (Nancy Ward is recruiting actors and narrators for this service, so please talk with her if you are interested in filling one of the roles.)



Our **Good Friday** experience, March 30, will be walking the "Stations of the Cross." At each of the fourteen "stations" there will be a scripture reading, a short reflection, and a prayer, which together will lead us from the arrest of Jesus to his crucifixion.



The church will be open 9 AM – 1 PM, and persons may come and go at any time during those hours. The first station will be at the East narthex entrance (where the refreshments are served, with access by the ramp), and the journey moves counter-clockwise around the sanctuary, ending at the same door.

Our UMYF are making plans for the **Easter Sunrise Service** April 1, 7 AM, which will be followed by a breakfast at the church in the Fellowship Hall. More information will be coming about this service!



United Methodist Youth Fellowship 9 AM Sundays

We are meeting during the Sunday school hour, but meeting as the UMYF. The time will include a meeting led by the youth (once we elect officers), which will be when we plan activities and projects. There will also be time for a lesson, which will usually be led by one or more of the youth (though right now, Pastor Nick is leading us with some confirmation class-like activities). Our focus will be ministry by youth and ministry with youth. Leading the lessons and planning is “ministry by youth.” Leading Easter sunrise service April 1 is an example of “ministry with youth.” All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us (and bring their friends!) in the youth room off the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Worship Calendar

Date	Scripture	Sermon	Anthem
Mar 4	John 2:13-22	Three-Day Temple Victorious Jesus is infinitely more impressive!	Then Sings My Soul
Mar 11	John 3:14-21	Through Him The only way to salvation is through Jesus	St. Columba’s Prayer
Mar 18	John 12:20-33	Troubled Testimony Jesus did not choose death; he accepted it as essential	Gratitude
Mar 25	Mark 11:1-11	Turning Out The crowds turned out, and Jesus turned out of the Temple	Hosanna, Hosanna

Birthdays in March

1	Lindie Adair	20	Judy Powell
5	Pam Campbell, Leigh Parker, Franklin Graham	21	Cathy Gochenour, Corbin Schlotzhauer, Laura Burnett
7	John Linville, HESSIE WATTS	23	Todd McVicker
8	Audrey Phelps	24	Dennis Huff
9	Dusty Rohrbough	26	Leah Schmidt
10	Matt McGruder	27	Chris Phelps
12	Jo Parker, Tina Zeller	29	Lawrence O. Nelson
19	Donna Wrenn	30	Pat Reardon

From John Wesley’s “Sermon 42: Self-Denial”

Maybe this man is not yet a shipwreck of faith, and still bears the witness that he is a child of God. But he is not going on to perfection, for he does not hunger and thirst for righteousness. If he does not entirely neglect the means of grace, he does not use them with all his might. Why? Because the times of dryness in prayer and worship are not pleasant, and other diversions do please him. Or, the weather for going to worship is not pleasant, and the comfort of one’s bed is more pleasing. Or, the sacrifice of eating plain food in order to be able to

give help to others is not pleasant, and the rich foods give his body comfort. Or, we could list many more excuses given by those who refuse self-denial and taking up their cross.

Those who are dead in sin, and those who are beginning to awake but have no deep conviction, and those who are convinced of their sin but do not seek the remission of their sins, and those who received forgiveness but then make a shipwreck of their faith, and those who are wearied of the faith journey all have this one thing in common: they have avoided self-denial and taking up their cross.



Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					1:30 Registration 2:00 World Day of Prayer	12:00 Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10:00 Baby Grace Bible Study	5:30 Education	6:00 Choir	6:00 Habitat 6:30 Trustees		8:30 UM Men 1:00 Fellowship Hall reserved
11 Daylight Savings Time ends – Spring forward! 11:45 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	12	13	14	15	16	17
	10:00 Baby Grace Bible Study	7:00 PEO (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Finance	6:00 Church Council			9:00 Baby Grace
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	10:00 Baby Grace Bible Study		6:00 Choir			
25 Palm Sunday 11:45 Egg Hunt & Dinner	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31
	10:00 Baby Grace Bible Study	7:00 Wesley Fellowship Group 7:00 Boonslick Ministerial Alliance Holy Week Service @ Morgan St. Baptist		4:30 Economic Development with Employers 7:00 Maundy Thursday service	9:00 – 1:00 “Come and Go” Stations of the Cross	

Did you know . . . that in our active church, opportunities get added to the calendar frequently? You can stay up-to-date on all that is going on at the church by getting our email newsletter (sent out each Friday), and checking our website, www.nelsonmemorialumc.org, and Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/Nelson.umc. Of course, the best way to know what is going on is to be involved in worship and service each week!

WE ARE A CONNECTED CHURCH!

Mobile Camp at 1st Marshall UMC

First UMC in Marshall is hosting a conference mobile camp this year. If you have any children who would like to attend, the camp is June 25-29, 9 am to 4 pm. They are only charging \$75.00 per camper, subsidizing the full cost of \$200. If campers register before February 25, they get a \$25 discount. Videos which have more information about the camps are <https://vimeo.com/250648149> and <https://vimeo.com/244730544>. Registration is online at: eaglelakecamps.com/MarshallFUMC.

Mission u in the Spring

Mission u in the Spring, sponsored by the Missouri Conference United Methodist Women, will be hosted at Memorial UMC in Farmington on April 13 - 14. This weekend Mission u experience is designed for women and men who are interested in learning about "Living in a Covenant Community" and the "Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States" (there are 3 of them). You can visit the Missouri Conference UMW page, <https://www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen>, for information for Mission u in the Spring, to download the registration form, or to register online.

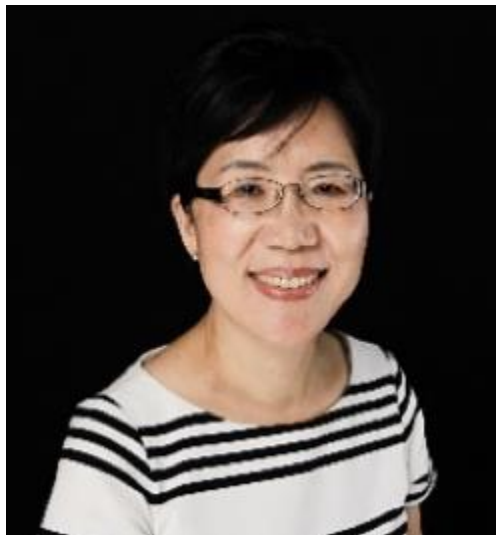
Journey for Justice Registration Now Open

Join the Values Team on a trip to Memphis, April 13-14. The tour group will meet in St. Louis and board the bus to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. During their time together, they will fellowship, worship, eat some Memphis BBQ and tour the museum. This all-ages trip provides the opportunity for 50 individuals to discuss civil rights and reflect on our common call to justice through a multi-generational lens. To learn more and register, visit www.moumethodist.org/journeyforjustice.

Holy Land Volunteer Team June 13-27 - departing from Kansas City

This volunteer mission experience is an opportunity for individuals to become more than a pilgrim and far more than a tourist as you volunteer in a Palestinian elementary school. The team will experience living with our sisters and brothers of faith and hear their stories of faith as they are the 'Living Stones' of the land. Yes, you will see the traditional tour sites. You will worship with Christians living there and see the Christian ministries of churches that actually are witnessing of our common faith. This will be the 12th VIM team for Frederick and Laura Ann Zahn. You may contact them at: flazahn@yahoo.com or [417.369.7264](tel:417.369.7264).

MidState District to Receive New District Superintendent at Annual Conference



Rev. Mi Hyeon Lee has been named as the next Mid-State District Superintendent. She will replace Rev. Sherry Habben, who will retire after Annual Conference Session this June.

"Rev. Habben has done excellent work as a local church pastor and judicatory leader, first as Director of Connectional Ministries and most recently as a District Superintendent for the Mid-State District for three years," said Bishop Bob Farr. "Sherry's heart and passion for the church and its leaders was always present during the 10 years of her work at the Conference level."

Lee has been a member of the Missouri Conference for more than 20 years, and has served churches in Salisbury, Kansas City, and Springfield. She is currently the lead pastor at First UMC in North Kansas City. She holds a Master of Theology from Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea; a Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology, and a Doctor of

Ministry from Garrett Evangelical Seminary.

"We're very excited to have Rev. Lee appointed as Mid-State District Superintendent," said Bishop Bob Farr. "Her gifts for leadership and strategy development will be a major asset as we seek to implement the Conference vision. Her voice and experience will add diversity and fresh perspective to the work of the Cabinet."