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Nelson Memorial
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RETIRED PASTOR PORTRAYS CIRCUIT RIDER October 1

The Reverend Cleo Kottwitz, retired pastor of the Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church, will portray a Missouri Circuit Rider, the Reverend Jacob Lanius, at our 10:20 service on October 1.

Lanius served as a Circuit Rider in the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831-1851. At the age of 17 when his family lived in Potosi, he preached his first sermon in a camp meeting in the Belleview Valley near Caledonia. Seven years later, at age 24, he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, “. . .the whole southwest quarter of the state”. In later appointments, he served as Presiding Elder of the Cape Girardeau, Hannibal, and Fayette Districts.

Kottwitz developed the circuit rider presentation in 1984 in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Methodism and has shared it with congregations around the state. He comments, “I was inspired to do this by Dr. Charles Caldwell, who was our District Superintendent when I served as a student pastor in the Nevada District. He would dress as John Wesley and preach a Wesley sermon. People responded positively. They appreciated the way he made history come alive, and for the Methodist Bicentennial, I wanted to bring to life the stories of the frontier circuit riders.”

A 1969 graduate of Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Rev. Kottwitz served the Garden City-Daugherty Charge in the Missouri West Conference, 1966-1969, while attending seminary. The remainder of his appointments were in Missouri East Conference including pastorates in five districts and six years as campus minister at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

This historical presentation portrays the ministry of pioneer preachers of Missouri; it also raises questions and offers challenges for today’s church.

NMUMC’s 200th Anniversary Celebration October 15



Bishop Bob Farr will attend and preach at our 10:20 service, and will dedicate our 200 years of Methodism! He will be preaching on “Marking Our Present.”

A carry-in dinner will be held following the service in Fellowship Hall, and Bishop Farr would like to meet and greet everyone! Our new history book will be available (one per family/ household), which has been paid for by a generous donation from a member of the Celebration Team. The history covers the frontier era, the three separate sanctuaries, the German church, our Mozambique partnership, mission trips, recipes, stories from our members, and more!

Also, the new Archives Room, located in the Bell Tower, will be unveiled in an open-house manner, to the congregation and guests on this day. And, the new pictorial directories will be available!



News for our Congregation and Community

Planning for a Mission Trip to Texas or Florida

There will be a short meeting for anyone who might be interested in organizing an adult mission work team to



travel to one of the locations recently hard hit with hurricane and flooding. We will meet in the Christian Characters Classroom immediately following the 10:20 AM church service on October 1.



7th Annual Fall Festival for Missions October 7

The soup and sandwich luncheon is another component of the Fall Festival for Missions on Saturday, Oct. 7. You can help make this important fundraiser a success by choosing an item or two

off of the Giving Tree in the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to sign the giving list on the table so that Outreach will know what supplies still need to be purchased. Any donation for the baked/canned goods table is also appreciated. We also need additional help in the kitchen. Please call Judy Peters (651-9976) or Sharon Tiff (882-2080) with any questions/ supplies you have. Thank you to everyone who is supporting this important fundraiser of the Outreach Committee. **Please bring all supplies and donations for the Fall Festival for Missions to Fellowship Hall no later than Monday, October 2.**



Boonslick Ministerial Alliance "Blessing of the Animals" October 7

Come to Harley Park at 10:30 AM for a short service for blessing the animals by our local pastors. Bring your pet (or a picture of your pet, if

they do not travel well). There will be cookies and punch for the humans, and dog treats for our furry friends.

Church Conference October 8

Our time of conferencing together will be a teaching time, after the votes are taken to approve the pastor's support package and to elect each church's officers and committees. We will be meeting with other congregations in the Columbia cluster at Hallsville UMC at 5 PM. We will take the church van so that we can have good representation.



Church Conference

Habitat Work Day October 14



Pastor Nick will lead the work day at the Habitat house (919 Locust), beginning at 9:30 AM (after UM Men's meeting). We hope to finish the deck, and build a wall at the basement entrance.

New Lecture Series at Boonville 1st Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Oct. 14

Dr. M. Eugene Boring, one of our country's most respected New Testament scholars, will make three presentations: the first, Revelations and 1-3 John; and the second and third on the Gospel of John. Registration begins at 8:00 AM in the church parlor.



The sessions will be held in the sanctuary at 9 AM, 10:45 AM, and 1:00 PM. There will be an opportunity for asking questions at 2:30 PM. To register for this free event, sponsored by the Izola Jones Annual Lectureship Fund, send an email to boonvillefcc@att.net, and list your name, contact information, and how many people will be attending with you. You can also call their church office, 660-882-6239; if you get voice mail, please leave a message with the pertinent information.

Zion Lutheran 47th Annual Turkey Dinner October 15

The meal will be served in their school's gym 11 AM – 2 PM.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Circuit Rider @ 10:20 Worship! 12:00 Mission Trip Planning	2 6:30 Trustees	3 5:00 Safe Sanctuary training	4 6:00 Choir	5	6	7 Fall Festival of Missions
8 5:30 Church Conference @ Hallsville UMC	9 7:00 Finance	10 6:00 Ministerial Alliance 6:30 NAMI	11 6:00 Church Council	12 7:00 Habitat for Humanity	13 1:00 Insurance Meeting for Pastors, 1 st Jeff City	14 8:30 UM Men 9:30 Habitat Work Day
15 200 th Anniversary Celebration	16	17	18 6:00 Choir	19	20	21 9:00 Baby Grace
22 2:00 Kids Hope Pumpkin Carving 3:00 Hayride & Cookout	23	24 7:00 Wesley Circle	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Nov. 1	2	3	4

October 2017 Calendars

Date	Scripture	Sermon	Anthem
Oct 1	Mt 21:23-32	By This Authority (8:00) Rev. Cleo Kottwitz as Rev. Jacob Lanus (10:20)	Come to the Table of Grace
Oct 8	Mt 21:33-46	Tenant Uprisings	In Christ Alone
Oct 15	Mt 22:1-14	Filled with Guests (8:00) Bishop Farr "Marking our Present" (10:20)	Sometimes When I'm Praying
Oct 22	Mt 22:15-22	Test for the Next 200 Years	We've Got Something to Share
Oct 29	Mt 22:34-46	From Either/Or to Both/And	Uniting Love



- 1 Lauren Thacher,
- 2 Sarah Koch,
Erin McGaha
- 4 Kevin Caldwell,
Debbie Maxwell,
Nancy Ward
- 5 Nancy Whalen
- 7 Donna Reagan
- 8 Megan Thieman
- 10 Bill Parker
- 11 David Wax
- 12 Charice Hilgedick,
Sarah Langston,
Virginia Litwiller
- 13 Mary Pat Abele,
Kirk Farris
- 15 Carol Harris
- 16 Lisa Maupin

- 17 Travis Thacher
- 19 Kacey Arnold,
Brett Rogers
- 20 Marsha Kempf
- 21 Nickolas Haller,
Jackie Leonard
- 22 John Tincher
- 23 Doug Abele
- 24 Miles Benjamin Phelps,
Alex Geyer,
Bob DeWeerd
- 25 Michael Schmidt
- 26 Betty Maxwell,
Matthew Parker
- 27 Theresa Geyer,
Michael Crowe
- 28 Bill Stephens
- 29 Daniel Comegys,

- Sean Schreck
- 30 Arliss Caldwell,
Will Parker,
Buddy Peters
- 31 John Chipley



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Spiritual Toolbox for October: Blessing for parting

Take their hand, and make the sign of the cross on their palm while saying:
"God loves you. God is with you."

Review of Our Other Spiritual Tools

January Tool: Clocks. See a clock, offer a short prayer: *"God, be with me in this moment, to do your will and bring you glory."*

February Tool: Hearts. See a heart-filled moment, offer this prayer: *"God, thank you for loving me. Help me to love _____."*

March Tool: Groups of Three. Whenever you see any group of three, recall our values as Christians: *We depend on God; We conform to Christ; We have confidence in the Holy Spirit.*

April Tool: Personal Prayer during "wasted time" (in grocery line, idling in the drive thru, etc.) *"Create in me a clean heart, O God."*

May Tool: Family Prayer when gathered for meals and other occasions. *"Cast us not from your presence, O God, nor take your presence from us."*

June Tool: FRAN Prayer Add a time to pray with/for a friend/relative/acquaintance/neighbor (**FRAN**)

July Tool: FAMILY Plan quality time with family at home.

August Tool: Neighborhood Talk over the fence. Go for a walk to meet your neighbors.

September Tool: Do the Holy Work of the Kingdom Do something for others in need.