

## “Do You Believe In Miracles”

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Luke 9:16-17

The Winter Olympics begin in less than a week. Around our house, we are Olympics junkies. We love watching the competitions, seeing athletes from around the world, and especially rooting for the underdogs. It is fun to see an athlete who is not given much of a chance succeed, or who seems to be very unlikely, emerge as a breakout star and outperform the favored competitors.

In the lead up to the Olympics, I have already watched one of my favorite Olympic movies– *Miracle*. *Miracle* tells (a slightly fictionalized version of) the 1980 US Men’s Hockey team. Coming into the Olympic games, the US hockey team was not expected to succeed. They were inexperienced, young, and outmatched by many of the other teams. The favorite coming into the games were the Russian national team which had won the previous four gold medals. \*Spoiler Alert\* - In the end, the US team beats the Russian team en route to the gold medal. In the final seconds of the game, Al Michaels gives the now-famous call “Do you believe in miracles? Yes!”

In sports, miracles seem to happen frequently (come from behind wins, massive upsets, buzzer-beaters from half-court) and we celebrate them as incredible. But when it comes to miracles in our lives, we are much more skeptical. I recently saw an article about how many Christians doubt the reality of miracles in the world, including the miracles of Jesus. I’ve heard people dismiss miracles as works of fiction and something only those with limited intellect can believe.

This makes me very sad. Miracles are such a gift in our world. The miracles of God in scripture and that we still see today are essential to my faith. The fact that we have a God who can do things no earthly being can is the whole point. We were created by and worship a God who can do things that are otherwise impossible. This is what makes God worthy of our worship and praise.

When Stephen was born, we were gifted an outfit that had the word “Miracle” across the chest. This was one more reminder that God still performs miracles every day. The question I leave you with is this: Do you believe in miracles?

Blessings, Chris

## **Administrative Board, 2022**

Greetings to our wonderful Church family from your Administrative Board members who include: Chairman, Mike Krohn, Pastor Chris Snyder, Debra Windsor, Bill Salyer, Linda Gordon, Maryellen McVicker, Gina Silvey, Jessica Brownfield, Katy Giroux, Phillip Wooldridge, Nancy Schler and Karma Haller. Your Administrative Board meet once a month, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The Administrative Board is our “one governing” model of church leadership that Nelson Memorial adopted in 2021. This Board is what we use now to cover our Trustees, Financial, and Staff-Parish committees and this has enabled us to be able to take care of the Church Business in a timelier fashion. As we are only into this type of leadership for a period of less than a year, we are still in the learning stage, but we do feel that it has been a huge asset to our Church. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or concerns that you would like to bring to our attention.

We continue our Mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Please take note on our bulletins, newsletters, etc. of our Vision, our Priorities and our Core Values. Every member of your Administrative Board fully believes and works hard for these goals.

In our last meeting we had discussion on our goals of creating a discipleship pathway, building new relationships with, at least 4, families within our neighborhood and achieving a guest return rate of 50% and connection rate of 25% within the year 2022. New additional handrails are ready to be placed on the front steps of the Church, all of the lights are now working in Fellowship Hall with the plans to change out to LED when our current lights begin to stop working, we are discussing plans for new signage on the east side of the Church which is now quite visible from Main Street, and work that needs to be done on the garage door as well as some inside work that needs to be done on the garage. We have also been exploring the possibility of placing some of our CD's and Memorial Funds in an Endowment Fund with the Methodist Foundation. We do want to be good stewards of finances and with this move we could make a much higher rate of return than what we can get through the banks now. We would still have access to the use of the funds if needed for short term, but it would be preferable to keep them long term. Financially we ended 2021 very well and are looking to do the same in 2022. We were very Blessed in 2021 to be able to keep up with our finances and we pray to continue in this endeavor. We are so thankful for a Church Family that supports Nelson Memorial UMC!!

I THANK GOD daily that I belong to Nelson Memorial UMC and I am grateful to be a part of such a great congregation. “We can do all things through Christ who strengthens Us.” Philippians 4:13

Have a great month!!

Blessings,

Karma Haller,  
Lay Leader

## Mission Trip to Mayfield, Kentucky March 13 through March 18



On December 10, 2021, a violent, long-tracked tornado moved across western Kentucky producing severe to catastrophic damage in numerous towns, including Mayfield Kentucky. We are now forming a team of men and women to travel to Mayfield to complete clean up and rebuild projects. Our tentative dates will be March 13 through March 18. If you are interested in joining our adult team, please contact Larry Long, Bob Koch or Bill Salyer for details. Sorry no one under the age of 18 will be allowed on the work sites.

## Ash Wednesday



Join us March 2 at 7:00 pm for our Ash Wednesday Service. This will be a simple service of meditation, contemplation, confession and receiving ashes.

## Join us for our Kids Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 13th!



Make plans to attend the Annual Valentine's Lunch hosted by Nelson Kids on Sunday, February 13th, following the 10:20 service. The kids are going to be serving a spaghetti lunch. These dinners raised funds for the Creation Station, the renewed Children's Chapel, and the furniture and supplies for these rooms. Your gifts have made an important difference in their faith development as disciples of Jesus Christ. This will be a free will offering, so please make plans to attend, and share in love and fellowship with our church family.

## Blessing Bags



The Youth have prepared 100 Blessing Bags and invite you to pick some up and distribute them as you see a need. They are in various places around the church. Please take one or two (or more) and leave them in your car. As you see someone needing food or help, share this bag with them. This is a great (and easy) way to help people in need. Thank you to the youth group for preparing these and giving us this opportunity!

## Thanks to Our Remarkable Nelson Family



I don't have the words to express how thankful I am for the many cards and prayers extended to myself and the family during my cancer treatments. On January 21st the results from my pet scan came back clear. I can truly say that during the four-to-six-hour chemo infusions I felt your love and prayers. We so deeply appreciate our Nelson family and look forward to returning to church in the near future. Much Love, Tom, and Betty Maxwell and Family

## Scholarships Available

### Juanita Scott Memorial Scholarship



The intent of this scholarship is to provide one \$500.00 scholarship per year for a high school senior, with preference being given for Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church members and/or those who are actively involved with the church. Boonville High School seniors will be provided an application as part of their Guidance Office "Local Scholarship Information". For other than Boonville High School students, high school seniors may contact our church office at 882-6223 to request an application. Per scholarship policy "All scholarship applications with accompanying transcripts shall be received by the committee by March 14, 2022, during office hours.

### **Charles Edgar Whitten Memorial Scholarship**

The intent of this scholarship is to provide one \$500.00 scholarship per year for 3rd and 4th year college applicants, with preference given to Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church members and/or those who are actively involved in the church where they attend a university or college. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, lab fees, or living expenses, as needed to help the scholarship winner continue their studies. To request an application please contact the church office at 882-6223. All scholarship applications must be received by our committee by April 11, 2022, during office hours.

### **Baby Grace News**

The monthly distribution will be held Thursday, February 17 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. If you would like to help with the distribution, sorting and sizing, or other aspects of this program, please contact Cindy Koch.

### **Blood Drive**



Thank you to everyone who supported our Blood Drive on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. We had 22 donors and 20 units of blood were collected. We will host another blood drive at a later date.

### **Handyman Project**



The Methodist Men wanted to remind the congregation about our Handyman Project which helps those in our church who have items that need to be done around their homes that they can no longer do themselves. It could be such items as changing the batteries in your smoke detectors, putting in new light bulbs or fixing something that is broken. If you need help with household items, please call the church (660-882-6223), or Elvin Farquhar (660-621-7777), and we will be glad to send a handyman to help you.

### **Winter family Outing**

Dust off your ice skates and make plans to attend our winter outing! This year we are planning an ice skating outing on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -3:30 at the Washington Park Ice Arena in Jefferson City. We will have pizza downstairs after church for everyone that is planning on ice skating. We hope you can make it! If you have any questions see Melissa Baker or Chelsea Jackson.



There will be an ice skating event on Sunday, February 27

### **February Birthdays**

- 1 Lindsey Krohn
- 2 Chase Litton, Caleb Ruesing ☺
- 3 Kolin Arnold
- 4 Bob Koch
- 5 Sandy Cox, Carolyn Edwards,  
Sandy Farris, Caden Schlotzhauer
- 8 Kristel Powell-Kronk
- 9 Debra Windsor
- 11 Cheryl Salyer
- 15 Katherine Greisbach
- 17 Eric Phelps, Carol Schenck



- 18 Callie Gann
- 19 Caleb Salyer
- 20 Jan DeGraffenreid
- 21 Diana Durham, Melody Kleinsorge
- 22 Brenda Johnmeyer
- 23 Marilyn Stanaway, Colton  
Schlotzhauer, Garrett Bell
- 24 Ginny Lee Matthews, Mark Mellor
- 25 Bart Riley
- 27 Rob Vander Linden
- 28 Christine Salyer

## February 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:00 pm Congregational Care Team Meeting (Lounge)  7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge  12:00 Noon Al- Anon Meeting Lounge	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Al- Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Noon – 2:00 pm Financial Peace University (FPU), Lounge  4:00 Youth Group @ Jacksons	<b>7</b> 9:00 am TOPS  8:00 pm – Al- Anon Meeting – Lounge	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm NAMI	<b>9</b> 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge  12:00 Noon Al- Anon Meeting Lounge	<b>10</b> 1:00 pm Baby Grace Size and Sort  6:00 Praise Bank Practice	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Al- Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>12</b> 8:30 am UM Men
<b>13</b> 11:45 am Children's Valentine's Dinner  Noon – 2:00 pm Financial Peace University (FPU), Lounge	<b>14</b> 9:00 am TOPS  8:00 pm – Al- Anon Meeting – FH	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting, Lounge	<b>16</b> 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge  12:00 Noon Al- Anon Meeting Lounge  7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>17</b> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Baby Grace Distribution	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Al- Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Noon-2:00 pm - Financial Peace University (FPU), Lounge	<b>21</b> 9:00 am TOPS  8:00 pm – Al- Anon Meeting – FH	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge  12:00 Noon Al- Anon Meeting Lounge	<b>24</b> 6:00 Praise Band Practice	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Al- Anon Meeting, FH	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Noon-2:00 pm - Financial Peace University (FPU), Lounge  1:00 – 3:30 pm Ice Skating in Jefferson City after worship services  4:00 Youth Group @ Jacksons	<b>28</b> 9:00 am TOPS  8:00 pm – Al- Anon Meeting – FH					

