

# The Messenger

Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church

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## “Heated Conversations”

In one of the early seasons of *The Simpsons*, there’s an episode where the Simpson family (minus the father, Homer) attends church one cold Sunday morning. The church’s furnace is broken and everyone is sitting in the Sanctuary rubbing their hands together—their breath fogging the air. At one point in the service the pastor (Rev. Lovejoy) warns the congregants about the fires in hell – which, ironically, seems to the congregation a preferable experience to the discomfort of their current environment. I think this past Sunday, some in our congregation might have had a similar experience!

I thought I would use this space to let you know what is going on with our heating and cooling systems. As some of you might remember, this past summer the air conditioning unit that cools our sanctuary broke. We contacted an HVAC company, and they were able to provide us with a short-term fix, along with a quote for repairing everything in that system. However, that system (which also provides circulation for our heat) is approximately 25-30 years old. Repairing it would have been the equivalent of putting a new transmission into a car with 300,000 miles on it. In short, it would prolong the life, but only for a short amount of time and might not be the best investment.

At the same time, another of our air conditioner units stopped working and needed a recharge of freon. We were informed by HVAC professionals that this unit could not be serviced in the future, as the freon it required was no longer going to be available. Moreover, the same was true for the rest of the units servicing our building. While these units have served us well, it became clear that the time had come for us to begin the process of replacing/upgrading our HVAC systems.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had representatives from 3 different companies (each of which was highly recommend to us from others who have commercial HVAC needs) come look at our setup. Each of these companies is preparing their recommendations for replacement/upgraded HVAC systems which will provide heating and air conditioning for every room in our building. The Administrative Board will receive these bids and use that information to make a decision on the best path forward.

Unfortunately, the air-handler that services the Sanctuary furnace has deteriorated quicker than we had hoped or expected, which is what is causing the noise in the East Wing. The Ad Board is exploring affordable options to work around this and appreciate your patience and understanding.

I want to reassure you that the church leadership is well aware of these issues and is working diligently to resolve the situation. Again, I thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to address the needs of our building. There is nothing quick or easy about this process, but we will continue to keep you updated on the status of this project. Unfortunately, as you might expect, we know this is not going to be inexpensive. As you pray over this project, I also invite you to begin praying about how you and your family might be able to help financially support the continued maintenance of our historic building and mission outpost. Again, we will share more information and begin a formal fundraising campaign as we have more details. For right now, I want to you know how much we appreciate the concern and all the ideas people have shared. Please bear with us and join us in prayer for God’s direction during this process (and for some warmer weather on Sundays).

Blessings, Chris

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February Administrative Board Message

Let me introduce myself to you. I am Bill Salyer and I have accepted the position of 2023 Administrative Board Chair for Nelson Memorial, UMC. To give you a little background on myself and my family, Cheryl and I have been members of Nelson Memorial since 1986. Our two children were raised in this church and I am very proud of our son Caleb, who has recently joined in with our Praise Band. Our daughter, Christine, is a speech pathologist in the Park Hill School District in Kansas City. We have two cats to fill the “empty nest”. Life is good.

The 2023 Administrative Board has 6 returning members including Nancy Schler, Karma Haller, Linda Gordon, Mary Ellen McVicker, Jessica Brownfield and Philip Wooldridge. We have two new members coming on the Board this year and I wish to welcome Laura Burnett and Jo Parker whom graciously accepted these two available positions. I know we have a fine Board ready to tackle any situation that may arise.

I believe 2023 will be an eventful year in our church. I also believe our church members have so much to be thankful for: a grand historic building, our youth and youth leaders, the teachers that volunteer for adult Sunday School classes, small groups to enhance our spiritual knowledge and to support one another, mission teams/outreach, a great Pastor in Chris, wonderful song leader in Sara, an uplifting Praise Band, Choir and so much more. Our church is truly blessed.

Are there needs? There most certainly are. This year, we as a Board will have to address several maintenance issues of our aging, but beautiful building. Pastor Chris mentioned in the January newsletter the need to upgrade our HVAC system as some of it is on its last legs. Other areas needing attention are:

- The large stained glass windows on the West and South side of the building are in need of seal replacement due to age and deterioration, which is allowing moisture to enter the building.
- Updates needed to our electrical system.
- Several areas of the church roof that are in need of repair and resealing.
- Plaster and painting touch-up in the Sanctuary.

The Board will be addressing these and other issues as they arise. I feel very confident we are up to the challenge. In fact, we are already addressing the HVAC system (getting quotes for replacement), replacing the meter socket at the main electrical box to the building, and replacing or repairing the seals around the large stained glass windows.

This all may appear overwhelming, but our attitude is what will determine success or failure. Positive Attitudes will be the topic of our Board study each meeting as a part of our spiritual growth as a Board (which I am looking forward to, as there have been several times lately that I have been in need of an attitude adjustment). There is a saying that life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you respond to what happens to you. That is why I feel it is of great importance that we should start each day with a positive attitude and remember Psalm 118:24, “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!” There are always going to be issues that arise and hard decisions that must be made whether it be at home, work or here at church. It is in those times that we need to remind ourselves what Matthew 19:26 says, “In Him, all things are possible”.

Again, I am looking forward to working with our 2023 Administrative Board and you as a church. If you happen to see something that needs the Board’s attention, always feel free to contact me or any Board Member. I wish you a most blessed day.

Bill Salyer

## Baby Grace Diaper Drive



Baby Grace is having a congregation diaper and wipes drive during the month of February! We keep sizes 1 through 4 on hand with size 3 and 4 being the most popular. A package of wipes is included with each distribution of diapers. Please consider helping with this mission. There is a crib in the church foyer for contributions. Monetary gifts are also welcome. Just make the check out to Nelson Memorial, UMC and put in the memo line Baby Grace Diaper Drive. Thank you.



## Join us for our Kids Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 12th!



Make plans to attend the Annual Valentine's Lunch hosted by Nelson Kids on Sunday, February 12th, following the 10:20 service. The kids are going to be serving a spaghetti lunch. We are asking the families of the Nelson Kids that attend Children's Church to bring a dessert to share! Thank you so much! This is free so please make plans to attend, and share in love and fellowship with our church family.



## Blood Drive



Thank you to everyone who supported our Blood Drive on Monday, January 23rd. We had 11 donors. We will host another blood drive at a later date.

## Ash Wednesday



Join us February 22 at 7:00 pm for our Ash Wednesday Service. This will be a simple service of meditation, contemplation, confession and receiving ashes.

## 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, 2023, 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.

## 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.

## Youth Ice Skating Event



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 26. Details (TBA).

## Say Cheese!



The time has come to update our church directory and we need your help. Directory information forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the East Wing Narthex. Additionally, you can fill out an electronic version of the form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/rMLfxccrJmLxnQG36>. In addition to updating your information, we are going to offer opportunities to update your directory picture. Mike Thomas has generously volunteered his photography services to help with this project. Mike will take pictures beginning Sunday, Feb 12 and continuing the following 2 weeks (2/19 & 2/26). Mike will be taking pictures between services and following the 10:20 service. A signup sheet for appointments will be in the back of the church beginning Feb 5. Thank you for helping us to update our directory.

## Giving Through Venmo

We can be found on Venmo @NelsonMemorialUMC. If you don't know what Venmo is and would like to learn more, information about giving through Venmo can be found on our webpage at <https://nelsonmemorialumc.org/give/venmo/>.


## February Birthdays

1 Lindsey Krohn, Mark Wooldridge  
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,  
Adyson Reardon  
21 Diana Durham, Melody  
Kleinsorge, Kyle Vander  
Linden  
22 Brenda Johnmeyer  
23 Marilyn Stanaway, Colton  
Schlotzhauer, Garrett Bell  
24 Ginny Lee Williams, Mark  
Mellor  
25 Bart Riley  
27 Rob Vander Linden  
28 Christine Salyer

## February 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting F.H.	2	3 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	4
5	6 9:00 am TOPS  8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, F.H.	7 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal	8 10:15 am Women’s Bible Study, Lounge  12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting F.H.	9 1:00 pm Baby Grace Size and Sort  6:00 Praise Band Practice	10 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	11 8:30 am UM Men Meeting  9:00 am - Youth Group, F.H.
12 11:30 am - Children’s/Youth Spaghetti Valentine’s Luncheon	13 9:00 am TOPS  6:00 pm - Leadership Development Committee Meeting, Lounge  8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, F.H.	14 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, P.E.O. Meeting, F.H.  	15 10:15 am Women’s Bible Study, Lounge  12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting F.H.	16 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Baby Grace Distribution  6:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary	17 6:00 pm - Youth Group at the Jackson’s  8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	18
19	20 9:00 am TOPS  8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, F.H.	21 6:00 pm - Administrative Board Meeting, Lounge  7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal	22 10:15 am Women’s Bible Study, Lounge  12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting F.H.  7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service	23	24 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall	25
26 Youth Ice Skating Event - (Details TBA)	27 9:00 am TOPS  8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, F.H.	28				



## Nelson Memorial Lay Leadership 2023

### Administrative Board

Chair: Bill Salyer

Lay Leader: Karma Haller

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Linda Gordon

#### Class of 2023

Linda Gordon

Maryellen McVicker

Bill Salyer

#### Class of 2024

Jessica Brownfield

Nancy Schler

Philip Wooldridge

#### Class of 2025

Laura Burnett

Jo Parker

Nonvoting: Rev. Chris Snyder (Pastor), Debra Windsor (Membership/Finance Secretary)

### Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development:

#### Class of 2023

Margene Farquhar

Evelyn Rogers

Risa Venable

#### Class of 2024

Carolyn Edwards

Rob Gordon

Debbie Maxwell

#### Class of 2025

Diedra McGruder

Judy Powell

### Ministry Committees:

#### Scholarship Selection Committee

(reports to Ad Board): Lauren Thacher

#### Education:

Children's Coordinator's: Gary & Melissa Baker

Youth Coordinators: Brian & Chelsea Jackson

Sunday School Teachers

Safe Gatherings Coordinator: Karma Haller

Library Coordinator: Margene Farquhar

Small Groups Coordinator: Cindy Koch

At Large: Heather Beach, Lauren Thacher,

Jackie Leonard, Risa Venable, Diedra McGruder

#### Worship Team:

Accompanist: Leah Gumbel

Song Leader: Sara Snyder

Altar Team: Gina Silvey

Tech Team Coordinator:

Worship Slides: Evelyn Rogers

#### Permanent Fund Committee:

(Reports to Ad Board): Karma Haller, Mike Maxwell, Cheryl Salyer

#### Missions & Outreach:

Chair: Sara Snyder

Shoes for Kids: Outreach Team

Coats for Kids: Heather Beach

Funeral Dinners: Sandy Farris

Prison Ministry: Elvin Farquhar

Kids Hope: Debbie Maxwell

Military Outreach: Judy Powell

Angel Tree: Earl & Karma Haller, Debra Windsor

Baby Grace: Barbara Wooldridge

#### Congregation Care Team:

David Bradley, Margene Farquhar,

Earl Haller, Evelyn Rogers, Cheryl Salyer,

Tim VonEngeln